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Militants enter Aleppo, kill dozens of soldiers

The surprise attack jolts the frontlines of the Syrian civil war that have largely been frozen since 2020

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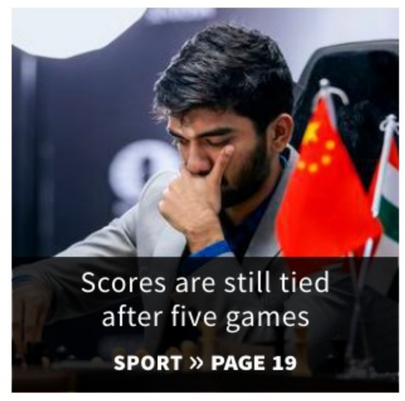

Scores are still tied after five games

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BJP leaders to seek Yatnal's expulsion

MYSURU
A group of BJP leaders owing allegiance to State president B.Y. Vijayendra have announced that they will shortly meet national leaders to demand the expulsion of Basanagouda R. Patil Yatnal and his followers. » Page 9

Maternal deaths: Siddaramaiah orders action

BENGALURU
Taking serious note of the recent maternal deaths in Ballari hospital, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Saturday ordered that State Drugs Controller Umesh S. be placed under suspension. » Page 9

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Cyclone Fengal batters north T.N. coast; 3 dead in Chennai

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Torrent of trouble: Heavy rain and fog led to poor visibility on the Tambaram-Maduravoyal bypass in Chennai on Saturday. M. VEDHAN

Cyclone Fengal, which crossed the coast near Puducherry on Saturday night, triggered heavy rainfall and strong winds over coastal districts in north Tamil Nadu, flooding low-lying areas and disrupting flights and local train services in Chennai. Three people died in rain-related incidents in Chennai.

This is the second cyclone to develop over the Bay of Bengal this season. The Regional Meteorological Centre in Chennai said that the cyclone's advance spiral bands had crossed the coast by 7 p.m. with landfall expected to take three or four hours, with wind speeds gusting up to 90 km per hour. Heavy rainfall is expected to continue through Sunday, though rain intensity depends on cloud cover.

A heavy downpour pummelled the State's northern coastal districts from the early hours of Saturday. Chennai's Nungambakkam and Meenambakkam recorded 11.4 cm and 10.4 cm of rainfall, respectively, till 5.30 p.m. The rain gauges and automatic weather stations in Thiruninravur (13 cm), Kolapakkam (12 cm), Puducherry (10 cm), Tiruttani, Puzhal in Tiruvallur district and Mailam in Villupuram district (9 cm each) recorded the torrential rainfall that continued till evening.

The Chennai airport was shut down and 226 flights were cancelled. Another 20 flights due to arrive in Chennai were diverted to other airports, including as far away as Guwahati. The Airports Authority of India said the airport would remain closed till 4 a.m. on Sunday.

Suburban train services between Chennai Beach and Velachery in the MRTS Section were suspended from Saturday afternoon as gale-force winds prevailed in the city. Services between Beach and Chengalpattu were affected as tracks were waterlogged at Pallavaram station.

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EC agrees to review Congress concerns on Maharashtra polls

Panel invites party for meeting on Dec. 3 after it alleged 'serious and grave inconsistencies' in the recently concluded election process; poll body reiterates transparent process had been followed

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress had submitted an 'urgent memorandum' to the poll body, raising its concerns regarding the recent elections. PTI

The Election Commission (EC) on Saturday said that a transparent process had been followed in the Maharashtra Assembly election, even as it assured the Congress of a review of all legitimate concerns of the party, and invited it for a meeting on December 3.

On Friday, the Congress had raised "serious and grave inconsistencies", which it said were being revealed in the data related to the polling and counting processes for the recently concluded election.

The Congress's chief allegations pertained to "arbitrary deletion of voters and subsequent addition of over 10,000 voters in each constituency" and an "inexplicable increase in voting percentages from 5 p.m. to the final voter percentage declared by the EC at 11.30 p.m. on the day of polling".

In an "urgent memorandum" to the EC, the party had also urged the election body to grant an "urgent in-person hearing" to raise all its issues in detail.

In an interim response, the poll body reiterated that a transparent process had been followed with the involvement of candidates and their agents at every stage. It also assured the party of further review of all its legitimate concerns.

Regarding the voter turnout data issue raised by the party, the EC said that there had been no discrepancy in the data, which is available with all candidates polling station-wise, and is verifiable.

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BJP dares Congress CMs, leaders to resign

NEW DELHI
BJP has slammed Congress for questioning the electoral process, saying its CMs and other leaders should resign and declare they will contest polls only after ballot papers are reintroduced. » PAGE 12

Polls marred by misuse of power, money: Pawar

MUMBAI
NCP(SP)'s Sharad Pawar has said there was growing discontent among the people of Maharashtra over results of the Assembly election, which was "marred by the misuse of power and money". » PAGE 12

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Staying fit: Men from the armed forces warm up on Beach Road.

Rise and shine: People of different ages set out for a walk on the road at the break of dawn.

Setting the pace: Youth training for police recruitment exercise on the beach.

One beach, myriad tides

Every morning, Visakhapatnam's Beach Road sheds its role as a roadway and transforms into a vibrant health hub dedicated to the city's fitness enthusiasts and nature lovers

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As the first rays of dawn light up the sky, Visakhapatnam's Beach Road awakens, not to the hum of traffic, but to the harmonious rhythm of footsteps, laughter, and the invigorating sea breeze. From 4 a.m. to 7 a.m., this scenic three-kilometre stretch sheds its role as a bustling roadway and transforms into a vibrant health hub: a no-vehicle zone dedicated to the city's fitness enthusiasts and nature lovers.

The transformation begins with yoga practitioners dotting the shoreline, their silhouettes gracefully outlined against the rising sun. Walkers of all ages follow suit, some lost in the melody of their playlists, others engaged in animated conversations.

A little further, the members of Vizag Runners' Society gather near the TU 142 Museum, exchanging cheerful greetings before setting off in synchronised strides with routines of squats, lunges, and planks. Professional runners and members of the armed forces inject a sense of discipline and inspiration into the scene as they move with rhythmic precision.

Cyclists glide smoothly along the path, completing the dynamic morning scene.

The health-conscious spirit extends to the array of food stalls that dot the road every few metres. Vendors serve ragi malt, sprouted salads, millet dosas, and freshly cut fruits, offering nourishing post-workout options. These wholesome delights not only fuel the body but also promote the city's growing embrace of sustainable and healthy lifestyles. At a few points along the promenade, medical check-up vans and stalls stay stationed for those wishing to keep a tab on their health parameters.

By 7 a.m., as the first vehicles begin to edge back onto the road, the health hub gradually dissipates, leaving behind a renewed sense of vitality. For Visakhapatnam's residents, this daily transformation of the Beach Road is not just a routine; it's a celebration of fitness, community, and the enduring beauty of mornings by the sea.

The tranquil health hub of the morning gives way to a bustling promenade in the evening. Vehicles weave through the traffic, while people spill onto the sidewalks dodging balloon-vendors and toy-sellers. The aroma of fast food, roasted corn, and *murri* mixture fill the air.

The open and serene road of the day makes way for the rush and hustle in the evening, capturing the spirit of Visakhapatnam's vibrant, chaotic beauty.

Local flavours: Visitors enjoy roasted corn at a roadside stall.

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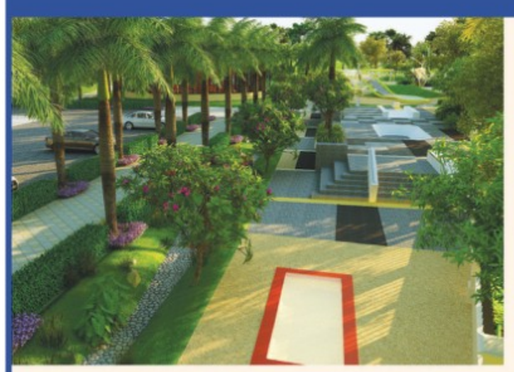

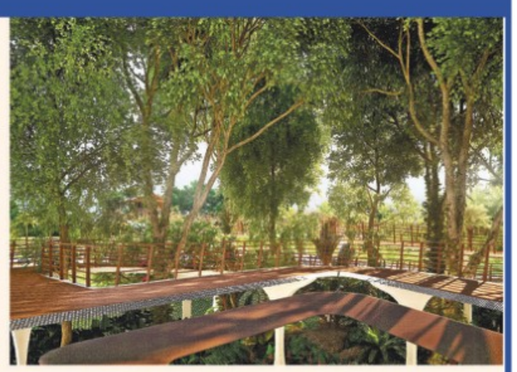

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- 6. Plaza
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- 8. Lawn
- 9. Pool deck
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- 11. Swimming pool
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- 14. Great lawn
- 15. Pavilion
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- 17. Structure with colonnade
- 18. Rock climbing wall
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- 20. Mound
- 21. Covered walk (Trellised walk)
- 22. Decks
- 23. Stepped plaza
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- 25. Stepped water body
- 26. Sand pit(Kids play)
- 27. Butterfly garden
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- 29. Berm
- 30. Half basket ball court
- 31. Tennis court
- 32. Frangipani court
- 33. Pathway
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- 35. Cricket practice nets
- 36. Multipurpose court
- 37. Outdoor gymnasium
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- 39. Visitor Parking
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- 68. Garden benches
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- 74. Banquet Hall
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- 78. ATM
- 79. Laundry
- 80. Pharmacy
- 81. Clinic /Consultation room
- 82. Indoor Badminton court
- 83. Indoor Table Tennis
- 84. Indoor Pool table
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- 87. Children's Activity room
- 88. Creche & Child Play room
- 89. Coffee bar
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- 92. Spa (Ladies & Gents)
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Another case registered against MLA Munirathna

It is on the basis of a complaint filed by Narayanaswamy, husband of a former councillor

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A fresh case was registered on Saturday against R.R. Nagar BJP MLA Munirathna, who is already facing three FIRs. This was on the basis of a complaint filed by Narayanaswamy, husband of a former councillor. He has alleged that Mr. Muniratna has been trying to kill him and implicate him in false cases to defame him and his family members for the last eight years.

Mr. Narayanaswamy said Mr. Muniratna tried to use a journalist to access his private videos to blackmail him.

"This was brought to the notice of the journalist's seniors, who did a sting and recorded the conversation with Mr. Munirathna, who offered crores of rupees to get the videos. The entire conversation has been recorded and submitted to the police for their consideration," he said.

Munirathna

Mr. Munirathna, according to the complainant, did this to take revenge against him and his wife, Manjula Narayanaswamy, who had contested from Laggere ward against Mr. Munirathna's candidate and won the election, Mr. Narayanaswamy said in his complaint.

He also alleged that the MLA had paid hitmen to attack his wife in 2013. He claimed that when Mr. Narayanaswamy went to file a complaint, the police at Nandini Layout, allegedly at the behest of Mr. Munirathna, refused to take the complaint and threatened Mr. Narayanaswamy that he would be implicated in an atrocity case.

He claimed that in another instance, when his family was on a religious trip, their car was intercepted, and an attempt was made on their life.

'Police involved'

He alleged that police inspector Iyan Reddy, now arrested for conspiring with Mr. Munirathna to get Leader of the Opposition R. Ashok infected with AIDS, had shared their vehicle location with the MLA, arguing this showed how Mr. Munirathna misused police officials.

He said at the behest of the MLA, the Peenya police implicated him in a false case of drunk driving and assaulting the policemen and remanded him to judicial custody. The police later opened a rowdy sheet against him allegedly to prevent him from campaigning against Kusuma Hanumantharayappa.

"The police told me that the rowdy sheet would be dropped if I campaigned for Mr. Munirathna," Mr. Narayanaswamy said in the complaint.

The complainant also alleged that Mr. Munirathna had illegally detained his friend, asked for his private videos, and threatened to implicate him in false cases if he did not cooperate.

Eye-catching

Chief Minister Siddramaiah; Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar; and Minister for Kannada and Culture Shivaraj Tangadagi at the inauguration of Namma Jaatre, as part of Bengaluru Habba, in front of the Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Saturday. K. BHAGYA PRAKASH

Chargesheet filed against Munirathna in atrocity case

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) on Saturday filed a chargesheet against BJP MLA Munirathna in an atrocity case where he allegedly hurled casteist abuses against a former city councillor, Velunayakar, and threatened him with dire consequences.

The 590-page chargesheet lists 53 witnesses, three of whom have already deposed before a magistrate.

The 590-page chargesheet lists 53 witnesses

It also includes the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) report and other technical evidence which shows that the voice sample of Mr. Munirathna matched with the audio clip of casteist slurs and abuses hurled by MLA. In the viral audio, Mr. Munirathna is heard hurling casteist abuses against Mr. Velunayakar during a conversation with BBMP contractor Chaluvaraju, on whose complaint the FIR was registered by the Vyalikaval police.

Various sections

Mr. Munirathna has been charged under Section 3 (1) (r) (intentionally insults or intimidates with intent to humiliate a member of a Scheduled Caste or a Scheduled Tribe in any place within public view) and 3 (1) (s) (abuses any member of a Scheduled Caste or a Scheduled Tribe by caste name in any place within public view) of Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, Sections 153A (1) (a) (b) (promoting enmity between different groups), 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace) and 509 (word, gesture or act intended to insult the modesty of a woman) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

Owners of around 89,000 properties to face action for non-payment of tax dues

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) will initiate action against about 89,000 properties in the city for non-payment of tax dues. While residential properties will be auctioned, non-residential buildings will be sealed by the authorities.

Speaking with *The Hindu*, BBMP Special Commissioner (Revenue) Munish Moudgil said, "The civic body has already issued show cause notices and demand notices, and a month had gone into the issuance of property attachment notices to the owners but they had not made the payment." They were given ample time to pay the dues. A window to settle the dues through the One Time Settlement (OTS) scheme was launched about nine months ago.

BBMP Special Commissioner (Revenue) Munish Moudgil says it has been a month since property attachment notices were issued to the owners, but they have not made the payment. FILE PHOTO

Lukewarm response

Its deadline was extended twice, and the recently extended deadline ended on Saturday. But there was a lukewarm response on the last day, he said.

The civic body will initially take action against those who have not paid the tax dues for three or more years. It is yet to collect over ₹500 crores from the defaulters.

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A bit of chit-chat: Youth enjoy *murri* mixture from a stall on Beach Road.

Perfect pose: People get their pictures clicked while practising yoga.

Different avatar: In contrast with the serene mornings, the road sees a huge rush in the evenings.

Snacking healthy: Fruit slices on sticks and packets of sprouts ready to be sold to morning walkers.

Rush at dusk: The road congested with vehicular traffic on a weekend evening. V. RAJU

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BSWML floats tender for end-to-end construction debris management

Four waste processing units, each with 1,000 tonnes per day capacity, will be set up in four places

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

Debris dumped below the under-construction Ejipura flyover in Bengaluru. FILE PHOTO

The Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML) has floated a tender for end-to-end construction and demolition (C&D) waste management under the public-private partnership (PPP) mode. As part of this, four C&D waste processing units of 1,000 tonnes per day (TPD) capacity each will be set up in four corners of the city.

Learning lessons from the failure of the C&D waste processing policy of the city to date, the civic body is all set to streamline the process of C&D waste disposal in the city this time.

The companies that bag the tenders will be carrying out collection, transportation and processing of C&D waste. Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) will soon mandate big builders to submit a C&D waste disposal plan to secure plan sanction for the building. This will hold bulk generators of C&D waste accountable. The city is estimated to generate around 4,500 tonnes of C&D waste per day. According to a senior BSWML official, four companies have participated in the bidding after the tender was thrown open a few days back.

Past mistakes

The city has two C&D waste processing plants, also established in PPP mode. However, people had to transport C&D waste to these plants themselves, which is a costly affair. In the absence of a strict regulatory framework compelling them to give the waste to these plants, they have failed to take off.

New tenders

To fix this gap, the new tenders will be end-to-end. The private agency that will put up processing plants in south, north, east and west areas in Bengaluru, will also be in charge of collection and transportation of C&D waste from construction sites in their respective zones to the nearest processing plant. The waste generators have to pay a tipping charge to the company for collection and transportation. The companies need to find their own land. BSWML will not provide any land.

An owner of a struggling C&D waste management plant said that to make this model successful, the civic body should create a regulatory framework.

Over 100 NIMHANS students awarded degrees

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A total of 114 students, including in absentia, were on Friday awarded various undergraduate degrees and certificates on successful completion of their academic programmes at the 11th graduation day ceremony held at the National Institute of Mental Health And Neurosciences (NIMHANS).

Four students received special awards and medals for their meritorious performance.

Awards and subjects

These included one BSc (Nursing) student, eight BSc (Anaesthesia Technology) students, four students each in BSc (Radiography) and BSc (Clinical Neurophysiology), 42 students in Post-Basic Diploma in Psychiatric/ Mental Health Nursing, eight Post-Basic Diploma in Neuro Sciences Nursing, and 40 Post-Basic BSc in Nursing.

Karnataka's Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh and NIMHANS Director Pratima Murthy presented the awards to the meritorious students.

Light to moderate rain likely in city

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In the wake of Cyclone Fengal hitting Chennai, the India Meteorological Department has forecast cloudy weather and light to moderate rainfall in the city and other parts of the State for the next two days.

Impact muted

Widespread rainfall was predicted earlier, but as the cyclone was making landfall close to Puducherry, its impact on Karnataka was almost muted, the IMD sources said. Temperatures will hover around 26° Celsius during the day and 17° Celsius during this cyclonic activity. D. Puviarasan, an IMD scientist, said the cyclone was located over the southwest Bay of Bengal.

Meanwhile, Bengaluru woke up to a cloudy morning on Saturday.

The same situation prevailed in Chickballapur, Ramanagara, and Chamarajanagar. There will be similar weather conditions on Sunday, too. Meanwhile, Kolar received 5 mm of rainfall. According to the IMD, moderate to heavy rainfall is expected in Mandya, Mysuru, and Chamarajanagar districts on Monday.

Knee-deep water in T. Nagar, Chennai, under the impact of Cyclone Fengal, on Saturday. VEDHAN M.

BBMP on standby

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath, in a virtual meeting on Saturday, instructed officials to implement all necessary precautionary measures to mitigate potential disruptions.

He directed all control rooms across the city to ensure effective coordination and closely monitor flood-prone zones and areas that experienced waterlogging during previous rains.

'5G cells' on metro pillars: BMRCL calls for tenders

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has invited tenders for service providers to fix "5G small cells" on metro pillars in the elevated section along both north-south and east-west lines.

These "5G small cells" will improve mobile network connectivity inside the trains and in metro stations, and help several types of machinery that work on data connectivity.

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The bid document with all information relating to the bidding process including cost of bid document, Prequalification criteria and terms & conditions are available in the websites: https://tendersodisha.gov.in . The Authority reserves the right to accept / reject any part thereof or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof.

A.I.G. of Police (Provisioning,) Odisha, Cuttack.
(Tender Calling Authority)

D-194: OIPR-12029/11/0041/2425

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is issued on behalf of my clients **SRI.SURESH.S AND SMT.P.ARUNA DEVI** to bring to the notice the general public that the Original Sale deed dt. 12.05.2003 registered as document No.2801/2003-04 of Book I of CD.No.107 in the office of the Sub-Registrar Bangalore South, in respect of Site No.82, in Block-II, in converted Sy.No.267/2, duly converted by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore in order No.B.Dis.ALN.SR (S)393/92-93, measuring East to West **40 feet** and North to South **30 feet,** total measuring **1200 Sq.ft.**, Situated at **Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore,** has been slightly damaged, while removing lamination and lamination not removed completely.

Y. Sowmya Yadav, Advocate
Samvruddhi Legal, # 83, Ground Floor, 5th 'A' Cross, 21st Main, J.P. Nagar 2nd Phase, Bangalore-78. **M : 9916343921**

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No: HC 441/PLS/Handling/ Load-Unload/BAY/2024 Dated: 22.11.2024
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following work:

Item of work	Approx. Value
Mechanized movement / handling and loading / unloading of Parcels / luggage at Ballari Railway Station.	Rs. 55,27,532/-

Gem Bid No.: GEM/2024/B/5589754
Date and time of bidding:
22.11.2024 to 14:00 Hrs. on 13.12.2024
For details log on : www.GeM.gov.in
Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager
PUB/604/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2024-25 **Hubballi**
South Western Railway - SWR | SWRRLY | SWRRLY

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Shafiya Tabasum F D/o Fakruddin R/@ Venkateshwara Temple Road, J.C. Layout, Devasandra, K.R. Puram, Bengaluru-560036 do hereby solemnly state that, earlier I was known as **SHAFIYA TABASUM**. I further state that, I have changed my name as **SHAFIYA TABASUM F** for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 28.11.2024 sworn to Notary Thippeswamy. T.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT NO.3, 4,5, 10 & 15
VIDE COURT ORDER DATED 14/11/2024
WRIT PETITION NO.24893/2015 (GM-DRT)

M/s Yash Real Estate Pvt. Ltd.
A Company incorporated under the compaines Act 1956
having its Registered Office at :
No. 12/A, 7th Cross Road,
R.D. Layout, Bannerghatta Road,
Bangalore 560030
Represnted by its Managing Director **Mr. Rajkumar Ladha**
.....**PETITIONER**
V/S
Recovery Officer - II, Debt Recovery Tribunal, Karnataka, Krishi Bhavan, Hudson Circle, Bangalore & others
.....**RESPONDENTS**

TO
(3) BPL Engineering Limited
A Company registered with Registrar of Companies, Having its Registered Office at No. 13/5, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560068 By its Vice Chairman Mr Ajit G Nambiar

Whereas the above named petitioner have preferred I.A.No.3/2024 praying this Court to and also on petition filed under ArticleS 226 & 227 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue writ of certiorari quashing the Orders passed by the Debt Recovery Tribunal, Karnataka, in O.A.2/2009 vide Annexure-A dated 18/11/2009 to the extent of direction given viz. further the Applicant Bank is at liberty to recover the same from the Defendants No.1 to 3 as stated above and also from the property shown in the O.A. Schedules' for a writ of certiorari quashing the proclamation of sale (Form-13) E-Auction sale notice published in The Hindu dated 17/05/2015 issued by the 1" Respondent dated 07/05/2015 and produced as Annexure-B and for such other writ directions,declarations and orders.

Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this Court either in person or through counsel duly instructed or through someone authorised by law, to act for you in the above Writ Petition on **19/12/2024 at 10.30 A.M.** in case you intend to contest the Writ Petition. If you fail to appear, the same will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THIS COURT, ON THE 14TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
SD/- ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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TO
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JHARKHAND URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED
(Govt. of Jharkhand Undertaking)
JUIDCO
JUIDCO BHAWAN, KUTCHERY ROAD, RANCHI, JHARKHAND
Ph. No.: +91-651-2225878, e-mail Id juidcolimited@gmail.com
CIN: U45200JH2013SGC001752,

e-Procurement Notice
Tender Notice
NIT No: JUIDCO/NIT/Dhanwar/UWSS/2024/640
Date: 30.11.2024

1.	Name of the work	Dhanwar Urban Water Supply Scheme with 5 years of Operation and Maintenance
2.	Mode of Bid Submission	e-tendering –http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in
3.	Estimated Cost	Rs.63,88,30,191(Sixty-Three Crore Eighty-Eight Lakhs Thirty Thousand One Hundred Ninty One Only/-)
4.	Tender Fee and Bid Security (Online Submission)	Tender Document Fee – Rs 25000/- Bid Security – Rs 63,88,000/-
5.	Date & Time of publication of Tender on Website	02nd December 2024 at 17:00 hours
6.	Last Date & Time of submission of pre-bid queries	10th December 2024 till 13:00 hours
7.	Date & Time of pre-bid meeting	10th December 2024 till at 15:00 hours
8.	Last Date & Time of Bid Submission	23rd December 2024 till 17:00 hours
9.	Date & Time of Bid Opening	24th December 2024 at 17:30 hours
10.	Employer's Address	Jharkhand Urban Infrastructure Development Company Limited, JUIDCO Bhawan, Kutchery Chowk, Ranchi, Pin – 834001.
11.	Helpline No .of e-Procurement Cell	+91 651 2225878/ 9973768183

Note: Only e-tenders will be accepted.
Further details are available on Jharkhand Government e-procurement website *http//: jharkhandtenders.gov.in*

PR 340890 Urban Development and Housing(24-25).D

Sd/-
Project Director (Technical)
JUIDCO Ltd., Ranchi

झारखण्ड सरकार
कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय,ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमण्डल, रामगढ़

ई०– निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई–निविदा सं० :–***RE-01/RDSD/RAMGARH/02/2024-25***
1.कार्य की विस्तृत विवरणी :– MMGSY मद अन्तर्गत।

क्र	आईडेन्टीफिकेशन संख्या/पैकेज संख्या	प्रखण्ड	ग्राम/पंचायत	योजना का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि	अग्रधन की राशि (रू०)	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य (रू०)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	RE-01/RDSD/ RAMGARH/MMGSY /01/2024-25	गोला	बारघुटू	रामगढ़ जिला के गोला प्रखण्ड के ग्राम– बारघुटू से बाधाकुदर के बीच पाटासुर नाला में पुल निर्माण।	34703200	700000	10000	18 माह
2	RE-01/RDSD/ RAMGARH/MMGSY /02/2024-25	गोला	बेटुल	रामगढ़ जिला के गोला प्रखण्ड के बेटुल से बन्दराघुँआ के बीच गोमती नदी पर पुल निर्माण।	33438800	669000	10000	18 माह

2. वेबसाईट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि :– दिनांक 05.12.2024
3. ई–निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय – दिनांक 05.12.2024 से 14.12.2024 को अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक।
4. ई–निविदा खोलने का स्थान – कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमण्डल, रामगढ़।
5. ई–निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय– 16.12.2024 अपराह्न 02:00 बजे।
6. ई–निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :– कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमण्डल, रामगढ़।
7. ई निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं०– 9939700965
8. परिमाण विपत्र की राशि घट–बढ़ सकती है। तद्नुसार अग्रधन की राशि देय होगी।
9. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि केवल Online Mode द्वारा स्वीकार्य होगी।
10. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि का ई–भुगतान जिस खाता से किया जायेगा, उसी खाते में अग्रधन की राशि वापस होगी। अगर खाता को बन्द कर दिया जाता है तो उसकी सारी जवाबदेही संबंधित संवेदक की होगी।

विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाईट ***Jharkhandtenders.gov.in*** एवं कार्यालय की सूचना पट्ट पर देखा जा सकता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता,
ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमण्डल,रामगढ़

PR 340900 Rural Work Department(24-25).D

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES "APPENDIX-IV-A [See proviso to Rule 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties Mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **Bank of India,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** for recovery of below mentioned amount/s. The details of Borrower/s/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date, Time & EMD amount are mentioned below.

Sl. No	Name & Address of Borrower/s / Guarantor/s / Mortgagor (s)	Description of Immovable Property With Known Encumberances	Branch Name Account No; Total Dues	Date & Time of E-Auction	Reserve Price EMD Amount	Status of Possession (Symbolic / Physical)	Property Inspection Time
1.	**Mr. Venkatesh K Acharya** No.95 7th Main Road, Ramnajaneya Nagar, Hanuman Hills Layout, Vasanthapura, Uttarahalli Bangalore- 560061 **Mr. Venkatesh K Acharya** Flat No.8, Third floor, North Block, "Eshwari Enclave" Corp No.45, 8th A Cross, Kanakanagar, Bangalore- 560032	Residential property in the name of Venkatesh K Acharya bearing Flat No-8, measuring 1292 sq.ft as Super Built Area, situated at 3rd Floor, North Block, "Eshwari Enclave", Corporation No 45, PID no: 96-310-45 (Formerly being portion of Survey No 28/4, Vishwanatha Nagenahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk), 8th A Cross, Kanakanagar, Ward No-96, Hebbal, Bangalore. **The Boundaries of the Property: East by -** Private property **West by -** Road and Retained portion to the extent of 167x50 ft **North by -** Private Property **South by -** Private Property **The Boundaries of the flat East by -** Lift **West by -** Flat No-7 **North by -** Main Door **South by -** Open Space	**Branch : Asset Recovery Branch A/C No: 840475110000351 for recovery of Rs.49,50,512.09** (Rupees Forty Nine Lakhs Fifty Thousand Five Hundred Twelve Paisa Zero Nine) with interest from 29.03.2018 @8.60% per annum monthly rests with costs and other charges	31-12-2024 between 11.00 am to 05.00 pm	**Reserve price:** Rs.40,00,000/- **EMD :** Rs.4,00,000/-	Symbolic	10.00 AM to 4.00 PM Contact : Mr. Amit Kumar +91 9850477529

To the best knowledge and information available with the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property referred above. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of the property and to inspect & satisfy them. The auction will be online E-Auction Sale/Bidding and shall be done only through "Online Electronic Bidding" process through the website https://www.ebkray.in For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.ebkray.in or https://www.bankofindia.co.in/tenders. The Authorised Officer has the absolute right and discretion to accept or reject any bid or adjourn/postpone/cancel the sale/modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice and assigning any reason. Date & Time of E-auction: **31-12-2024 between 11.00 am to 05.00 pm** (with unlimited extension of 10 minutes if bidding continues till sale is concluded)

Date : 29-11-2024
Place: Bangalore

Sd/-
Chief Manager & Authorised Officer

Documents of students who got seats under NRI quota to be verified

This decision comes after KEA discovered irregularities involving 21 students who secured postgraduate medical seats under two quotas

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

For the first time, the Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) has decided to send the details and documents of 320 students who secured postgraduate medical seats under the Non-Resident Indian (NRI) quota to the respective embassies for cross-verification.

This decision comes after KEA discovered irregularities involving 21 students who secured postgraduate medical seats under the management quota in the All India Quota (AIQ) while also securing seats under NRI in the State quota. This has raised concerns about the potential misuse of the NRI quota.

The Medical Counselling Committee (MCC) and KEA are conducting simultaneous counselling for PG NEET 2024 this year. While the MCC is responsible for filling 50% of the AIQ seats, KEA handles the State quota. Of the 6,228 postgraduate medical seats available in Karnataka this year, 2,428 are AIQ seats, 1,822 are State quota seats, 1,266 fall under the private quota, 430 under the NRI quota, and 282 under the management quota.

Only children or direct blood relatives of NRIs are allowed to apply under this quota. FILE PHOTO

Suspicions

After the announcement of the final list following the first counselling round, KEA identified 21 students who applied for and secured management quota seats under AIQ while also obtaining NRI quota seats in the State quota.

This has raised suspicions that some students may have submitted fraudulent NRI certificates to gain admission. During the counselling process, KEA had already rejected 14 applications with fake NRI certificates.

"If these 21 students are genuinely eligible for NRI quota seats, why did they apply for management quota seats under AIQ seats, is a pertinent question. Ideally, they should have applied under the NRI quota even in AIQ seats as well," said Prasanna H., Executive Director, KEA, adding that this has raised several suspicions, especially given that KEA has already come across a few students using fake NRI certificates.

"Only children of NRIs or direct blood relatives of NRIs are allowed to apply for NRI quota seats. This year, during the verification of documents, we have rejected 14 applications that submitted fake NRI certificates," he said, adding that now that all documents of 320 students who have secured seats under the NRI quota will be cross-verified by the respective embassies, suitable action will be taken, if any irregularities are found.

'Residential quarters for 1L police personnel'

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

Home Minister G. Parameshwara said on Saturday the government is committed to providing housing to all one lakh-odd police personnel in the State.

"As of now, the department was able to provide residential quarters to about 45% of the personnel and the numbers would get added every year. He has urged the Union Home Minister to sanction at least ₹5,000 crore towards police housing in Karnataka," he said. He was speaking after inaugurating 160 flats in three multi-storey buildings for Mangaluru city police personnel, buildings for Subrahmanya, Bellare, and Bantwal traffic police stations, and 12 quarters for Bellare police, constructed by the Karnataka State Police Housing Corporation in Mangaluru.

"One could not imagine living in the police lane houses of the British era," Dr. Parameshwara said, adding the government therefore had conceptualised residential quarters with modern amenities.

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Kannada translation of Shailaja's memoir launched

H.S. Anupama is the translator, and the book is published by Kriya Madhyama

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Kannada translation of former Kerala Health Minister K.K. Shailaja's memoir *Comrade Aagi Nanna Baduku* being released in Bengaluru on Saturday SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Kannada translation of former Kerala Health Minister K.K. Shailaja's memoir *Comrade Aagi Nanna Baduku* (*My Life as a Comrade*) was released in Bengaluru on Saturday.

Translated into Kannada by Dr. H.S. Anupama, the book is published by Kriya Madhyama.

"Every crisis brings an opportunity and makes you brave. Young people ask what crisis management is. It is nothing but taking the right decision at the right time, team forming and team management. I had an opportunity to practise all this during my time as Minister," said Ms. Shailaja, talking about the crucial years of the COVID-19 outbreak when she served as Health Minister and won much accolade for her work. A doctor herself, translator Dr. Anupama suggested that the book should be brought out in all languages by the CPI (M). Pointing out that Ms. Shaiaja had done her B.Ed. in Kodagu in Karnataka, Dr. Anupama said the former Minister had a remarkable detachment to power, which is very special for a politician. She refused many awards, including the Ramon Magsaysay Award for COVID-19 management. Dr. Anupama said the author should write a second part of her memoir, focusing on the practice of communism.

The book launch was organised in association with Pustaka Preeti and Sarvatrika Arogya Andolana-Karnataka.

Restrictions on protests must be lifted: Activists

The Hindu Bureau
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Members of the Horaatada Hakkigagi Janandolana at a meeting in Bengaluru on Saturday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Horaatada Hakkigagi Janandolana on Saturday demanded the scrapping of the Licensing and Regulation of Protests, Demonstrations, and Protest Marches (Bengaluru City) Order, 2021, that restricts protests to Freedom Park in the city.

The members of the progressive organisation have unanimously demanded the immediate withdrawal of the order. The restrictions on protests must be lifted across the State, and FIRs criminalising dissent and peaceful protests should be withdrawn.

Aakar Patel, political writer and activist, criticised the State's paternalistic approach and said that requiring a "licence" to protest transforms the fundamental right into a privilege.

Like Jantar Mantar in Delhi, which has become a graveyard for protests, Bengaluru's Freedom Park will also meet a similar fate, he said.

Mr. Patel emphasised that the fundamental nature of free speech and peaceful assembly plays a role in safeguarding marginalised communities.

Encroachments on 13 lakes cleared; govt. property worth ₹242.5 crore recovered

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Doddanekundi Lake in Bengaluru. FILE PHOTO

In a major anti-encroachment drive, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) cleared encroachments on 13 lakes and recovered government property worth ₹242.5 crore on Saturday.

The civic body, in total, has taken back 7.03 acres to its custody, and fencing work has been initiated on the recovered properties to avoid any further encroachment by private entities.

Preeti Gehlot, Special Commissioner for Forest, Environment, and Climate Change Management, said, "The BBMP has intensified efforts to identify and clear encroachments on lakes within its jurisdiction."

162 have been assessed

Following a recent High Court order, surveys and eviction operations have been carried out on lakes. Out of the 202 lakes surveyed so far, 162 have been assessed, and 49 were confirmed to be free of encroachments.

Cases involving government encroachments in 23 lakes would be dealt with by coordinating with zonal officials. In Mahadevapura zone, encroachments on 2 acres and 6 guntas at Doddanekundi lake were cleared, and fencing has been installed. The reclaimed land is valued at ₹75 crore. At Vibhutipura lake, encroachments on 8 guntas of land was removed and the value of the recovered property stood at ₹8 crore.

In the east zone at Kaggadasapura lake, 2.5 guntas of land were cleared of encroachments. The total reclaimed land is valued at ₹22.5 crore. In Bommanahalli Zone at Konanakunte lake, 30 guntas of land were reclaimed and fenced, valued at ₹30 crore.

At Arekere lake, 12 guntas of encroached land were cleared and fenced, worth ₹12 crore. At Subbarayan lake, a total of 28 guntas, including 24 guntas of open land and 4 guntas of sheet-covered areas, were reclaimed and fenced, valued at ₹15 crore.

In Yelahanka zone, encroachments were cleared in seven lakes - Avalahalli (two guntas), Yelahanka (24 guntas), Medihalli Agrahara (eight guntas), Agrahara (four guntas), Kattigenahalli (1.5 guntas), Narasipura (25 guntas), and Singapura (29.5 guntas). In total, 2 acres and 14 guntas of land were reclaimed at ₹80 crore.

MoU signed for investing ₹11,000 cr. to set up renewable energy, green hydrogen projects

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Hero Future Energies Private Limited (HFEPL) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the State government on Saturday for investing ₹11,000 crore in setting up projects in renewable energy, green hydrogen, and its derivatives in Karnataka.

HFEPL's proposed projects are expected to generate nearly 3,000 jobs in Karnataka, according to a statement.

Incentives

The government will facilitate the requisite permissions, approvals, and incentives to ensure the projects are established in a time-bound manner under the State's policies and regulations, said Industries Minister M.B. Patil while signing the MoU in London.

This initiative forms a key pillar of the State's comprehensive preparations for the Global Investors Meet, Invest Karnataka 2025, aimed at creating a competitive and digitally advanced industrial ecosystem, said the Minister.

EDUCATION HUB

A Business Initiative

AICTE Sponsored Faculty Development Programme(FDP) on Emerging Technologies for Observing Earth from Space held at Christ University, Bengaluru

Recently FDP on "Emerging Technologies for Observing Earth from Space", sponsored by AICTE Training and Learning ATAL Academy, New Delhi and organized by Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, School of Engineering and Technology, CHRIST(Deemed to be University), Kengeri Campus, Bengaluru. The event was inaugurated by Dr. Prakasha Rao PJVKS, Resident Expert, Skill Development at IN-SPACe, Bengaluru and delivered an inaugural talk on "Indian Space Odyssey: From sounding rockets to landing on Moon". The primary aim of this FDP is to impart the learners with the fundamental concepts and space applications of satellite based remote sensing techniques which enables them to acquaint with the usage of active and passive remote sensing data acquired from satellites and explore the applications of Earth observation data for the assessment and monitoring of distinct features of Earth surface. Around 40 faculty members and industry professionals from various academic institutions and industries were actively took part in this event and gained knowledge on the applications of space technologies.

Inauguration of NIPM Student Chapter at St Joseph's Institute of Management (SJIM)

The NIPM Student Chapter at SJIM was inaugurated by dignitaries from the National Institute of Personnel Management (NIPM). Mr. Dinesh A U, Chairman of NIPM-KC; Mr. Sheenappa Gowda M, Hon. Secretary of NIPM-KC; Mr. Sanjay, Vice Chairman of NIPM-KC and Chairman of the Student Interface Committee; and Fr Manoj D'Souza SJ, Director SJIM inaugurated the event. Chapter's first council members, who will lead the student body and drive its initiatives was announced at the event. The newly formed NIPM Student Chapter aims to serve as a platform for students to engage with HR and management professionals, participate in workshops and seminars, and contribute to initiatives that foster leadership and innovation.

Dr. Wooday P. Krishna Honoured with Prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award

Dr. Wooday P. Krishna, a distinguished educationist and renowned social activist, has been conferred the Lifetime Achievement Award by Rotary District 3191. This prestigious honour recognizes his unwavering commitment to societal transformation and his enduring contributions to education, peacebuilding, and sustainable development.The award ceremony celebrated not only Dr. Krishna's extraordinary achievements but also the legacy of hope and change he continues to build. Dr. Krishna's recognition serves as a testament to his enduring efforts to create a more inclusive and harmonious world. His leadership and advocacy have empowered communities, igniting a ripple effect of positive change that extends far beyond regional borders.
The event, marked by heartfelt tributes and a spirit of celebration, honoured a life dedicated to advancing the collective good.

Congratulations to Prof K Gopalakrishnan!

We are pleased to announce that Prof K Gopalakrishnan, a renowned technocrat, researcher, and Secretary General of the Indian Technology Congress Association (ITCA), has been awarded the prestigious Fellowship of the World Academy of Productivity Science (WAPS), Canada, for 2024.
This recognition acknowledges his significant contributions to productivity science and its application in driving technology innovation and solutions. Prof Gopalakrishnan has been instrumental in promoting the adoption of cutting-edge technologies and innovative solutions to enhance economic growth, social well-being, and environmental sustainability. Notable past recipients from India include top industrialists and entrepreneurs. ITCA founder fellows, such as former President of the Institution of Engineers (India) Dr LV Muralikrishna Reddy and educationist Dr Wooday P Krishna, are also part of this elite global association. We extend our warmest congratulations to Prof Gopalakrishnan for this well-deserved recognition and thank everyone for their support and well-wishes.

CMN Founder's Cup 2024 - The biggest sporting event of East West Institutions

Mayor of Bengaluru East West Institutions proudly hosted the 8th CMN Founder's Cup celebrating Discipline, Determination, and Dedication the cherished values of the founder. All the branches of East West institutions from Bengaluru and Mysuru participated in the sporting event. With an inspiring opening ceremony, the event was flagged off bytheir Honourable Chairperson, Smt. Chitrakala Nagaraj. Teams showcased their exceptional sportsmanship and enthusiasm across various events. hundreds of students participated enthusiastically. The winner was The Great Eastern International Public School - Magadi Road and Runner Up East West Academy - Rajajinagar. Congratulations to all participants for embodying the spirit of the CMN Founder's Cup. Together, we celebrate the legacy of our beloved founder through sports and unity. A day of passion, perseverance, and pride !

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Power outage at BMTC's Majestic bus terminal

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation's (BMTC) Majestic bus terminal experienced power outage on Saturday, causing inconvenience to the public.

The outage was a result of ongoing transformer maintenance work. Meanwhile, generators were operated to provide adequate lighting in all public areas and platforms for passengers' safety and convenience.

KEA opposes fee reduction for recruitment examinations in State

It has pointed out that the government does not provide any grant for conducting recruitment examinations

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

A file photo of candidates appearing for the preliminary examinations of KPSC in Dharwad.

The Karnataka Examinations Authority has expressed disapproval on reducing the fee for recruitment exams in view of the increasing expenditure and various examination reforms, including webcasting and implementation of other technologies.

As the government does not provide grant to KEA for conducting recruitment exams, the KEA has told the government it has to bear the expenses from the candidates's exam fees.

Priyank Kharge, Minister of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, had submitted a proposal to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah regarding various examination reforms.

In addition, Mr. Kharge had mentioned that the fees for all recruitment exams conducted by KEA are higher compared to other recruitment agencies, and this is causing financial burden to candidates.

However, the KEA has disagreed with these recommendations and submitted its clarifications to the government.

"The authority does not get any grant from the government. The functioning of the authority is managed by the amount collected through examination application fees. The application fee fixed by the KEA has not been revised for many years. For the conduct of the examinations, the authority is paying the expenses of various departments and examination centres from these funds. We don't have any other source of funds," said H. Prasanna, Executive Director of KEA.

In recent competitive examination held by KEA for Village Administration Officer posts, it had fixed a fee of ₹750 for General and Other Backward Classes candidates, ₹500 for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe candidates, and ₹250 for Person with Disability candidates.

At the same time, for the competitive examinations conducted by KPSC recently for filling vacant posts in the Agriculture Department, a fee of ₹600 had been fixed for general category candidates and ₹500 for OBC candidates. The full fee was waived off for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe candidates.

Reforms

Mr. Prasanna clarified that the KEA has brought many reforms in the recruitment examination system. Installation of CCTV cameras has been made mandatory in all examination halls. By webcasting the exams, action has been taken to ensure that there are no illegalities. Cost is also incurred on installation of metal detectors, appointment of staff according to the number of candidates, security measures, and evaluation of answer sheets, he said.

Apart from this, KEA also expressed its difficulty in conducting Computer Based Test for filling up of government posts due to lack of basic facilities. After obtaining the approval for conducting the examination, a tender was invited to conduct the PGCET through CBT on a practical basis. "We are currently checking the merits and demerits of CBT. It is becoming difficult to arrange infrastructure for all the candidates to appear for the CBT in the same period, according to the KEA," he said.

Harassment of women staff: Doctor relieved of post

Sathish G. T.
SHIVAMOGGA

The Department of Medical Education (DME) has relieved Dr. H.C. Lokesh of the post of District Surgeon of Sri Chamarajendra Hospital, attached to the Hassan Institute of Medical Sciences, following allegations of harassing women staff.

The Hindu had carried reports on the complaints against him. Several women staff had complained to Ministers and senior officers of the Department of Medical Education and Department of Health and Family Welfare against him.

J. Kumaraswamy, Under Secretary, DME, issued an order on Saturday, relieving Dr. Lokesh from the additional charge of District Surgeon. He would continue as associate professor in the Department of General Medicine at HIMS.

"As he has been holding additional charge of District Surgeon it has been difficult for the smooth functioning of the Department of General Medicine. Further, there had been complaints from the staff and the Karnataka State Women's Commission and others against him," the order stated.

Dr. Lokesh was given the additional charge of District Surgeon in 2023, though he was suspended earlier following allegations of sexually harassing a house surgeon in 2022.

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Man dies in elephant attack

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA

A person died in an elephant attack at Seethur village in N.R. Pura taluk of Chikkamagaluru on Saturday. Umesh, 56, was working in his agricultural field when the elephant attacked him.

Following the incident, the local people blamed the negligence of the Forest Department officials.

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Sd/- Executive Engineer, District Urban Development Cell, Chitradurga.

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Sl. No	Name of Work	Amount put to tender (in Rs.)	EMD (in Rs)	Las date for Submission of tender in Eprocurment	Eligible Tenderer
1	**Improvement of Guddeyangadi Shiriyara Road Ch:1.50km to Ch:5.00km in Kundapura Taluk. (Indent No. 16181**	**Rs.38767405.46/- (Excluding 18%GST)**	**Rs. 5,81,600.00**	**30.12.2024**	**Class-I KPWD Contractors**

Executive Engineer,
Public Works Department, Udupi Division Udupi.

MANDYA UNIVERSITY
M.C Road, Mandya – 571401
Ph.No.: 08232-220039, E-Mail: registrar@mandyauniversity.ac.in,
Website: www.mandyauniversity.ac.in
NO:MUM/P.N/384/2024-25 Date: 28.11.2024
TENDER (SHORT TERM) NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement system only)
Short term tender is invited from the reputed companies/ Agencies for 'Skill Development Training' digitals are as per the schedule of e-procurement given below

Sl.No	Particular	Date Time
01	Last date and time for tender queries/Clarifications	As Mentioned in the procurement Portal
02	Last date and time of receipt of tenders	
03	Date of technical Bid opening	
04	Date and time of Financial Bid opening	

Note: Contractors should note that any amendment/modification related to the tender will be updated on the e-procurement platform.
ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಸನಿ–ಮಂ/ಕೆಎಸ್ಎಂಸಿ&ಎ/478/2024–25 **Sd/-Registrar, Mandya University, Mandya**

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
 # 49, East Wing, 4th & 5th Floor, Khanija Bhavan Race Course Road
Bengaluru – 560 001. Phone No. 080-22265383 website : www.kiadb.in
IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-32/548/2024-25 Date: 30.11.2024
SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)
Item Rate Tender under two cover bid system is invited as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Civil Contractors who have got adequate financial resources, state of the art technology, suitable construction equipments, technical man power & sufficient past experience for the following work as per the schedule given below:
Name of the Work : 1) Construction of Storm Water Drain of length 340m between Road No. 21K & 21G at Plot No. 658 (Sub Layout) in Vasanthanarasapura Industrial Area 2nd Phase, Tumakuru District (Balance Work) (2nd Call)**. 2)** Formation of 18m wide road at Road No.07,18 & 12m wide road (Adjacent to Visaka Factory) including construction of RCC side drains & providing water supply pipeline network in Vasanthanarasapura Industrial Area, Phase-1, Tumakuru (Balance Road lengths) (2nd Call). **3)** Construction of RCC Storm Water Drain (Between Park.7 & 14), Construction of RCC Box Culvert across Service Road & Road No.6, Providing Water Supply Network (left out reaches), Filling of Potholes, Desilting of Storm Water Drains & Side Drains and Strengthening of Road shoulders in Vasanthanarasapura Industrial Area, Phase 2, Tumakuru. (2nd Call). **4)** Construction of RCC Storm Water Drain (Between Road No.1 & 14), Construction of RCC Box Culvert across Road No.1, Providing Water Supply Network (left out reaches), Filling of Potholes, Desilting of Storm Water Drains & Side Drains and Strengthening of Road shoulders in Vasanthanarasapura Industrial Area, Phase-2, Tumakuru. (2nd Call).
The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **17.12.2024** upto **4.30 pm.**
Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**
Sd/-
DIPR/CP/3531/Zen/2024-25 **Chief Engineer-1, KIADB Bengaluru**

DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND SPORTS
State Youth Centre, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru - 560 001
Phone: 080-22215601, Fax: 080-22215602
No: DYES/YN/YSK/20/2024-25 Date: 30-11-2024
SHORT TERM RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement Portal Only)
The Deputy Director (Admn), invites tender from the eligible contractors for the following work.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Amount Put to Tender (in Rs.)	EMD Amount (in Rs.)
1	Procurement of Gym Equipments under Yuva Shakthi Kendra Scheme for the year 2024-25	**120 Lakhs**	**2.00 Lakhs**

The tender should be submitted through e-Procurement Portal: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Bidders need to register in the e-Procurement Portal to submit their bids online. The tender document can be viewed free of cost from the e-Procurement Portal.
1) Last Date and Time for Submission of Tender Documents through e-Procurement Portal: **16-12-2024, Time: 16.00 Hrs. 2)** Opening of Technical Bid: **17-12-2024, Time: 16.30 Hrs. 3)** Opening of Financial Bid: **Will be intimated through e-Procurement Portal.**
Additional information may be obtained during office hours at the above mentioned Address.
Sd/- Deputy Director (Admin) and
Tender Inviting Authority
DIPR/CP/3527/Adverto/2024-25 **Dept. of Youth Empowerment and Sports**

Office of the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Vigilance,
2nd Floor, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003. Phone: 080-23365562, 23440467,
E-mail: apccfvigil@gmail.com
No: KFD/2024-25/IND0186 Dated: 29-11-2024
TENDER NOTIFICATION
SUPPLY OF REAPTER & VHF RADIO WALKIE TALKIE FOR WIRELESS COMMUNICATION
The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Vigilance, Bengaluru invites tender in two cover system for selection of SUPPLY OF REAPTER & VHF RADIOWALKIE TALKIE FOR WIRELESS COMMUNICATION through e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)**. Prospective suppliers willing to participate in this tender shall necessarily register themselves with above mentioned e-procurement portal.
1) Date and Time for Pre-bid meeting: **05-12-2024, 15.30 HRS. 2)** Last Date & Time for submission of Tender **29-12-2024, 16.00 HRS. 3)** Date & Time of opening of Technical **31-12-2024, 11.30 HRS. 4)** Tentative Date & Time of opening of Commercial bid **02-01-2025, 11.30 HRS. 5)** Venue of pre-bid meeting, opening of tenders & address for communication: **O/o Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Vigilance, 2nd Floor, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003.**
Prospective suppliers willing to participate in this tender can download the bid documents by vising Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**
Sd/-
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
DIPR/CP/3533/AAA/2024-25 **(Vigilance) & Tender Inviting Authority.**

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BEAUTIFUL, CARING professional 26, 168cm, affluent, open–minded S. Indian family. Seeking accomplished, compatible groom. Call/WA 9345634365

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Contact : WhatsApp 9446 587270, 9447 972270

NRI VISWABRAHMIN girl born and brought up in Dubai, LLB & LLM from UK, working as Company Lawyer in Dubai, Caste no bar, star Bharani, 31 years, fair good-looking, weight 57 kg, height 160 cm, looking for boys UK/US educated, working in Dubai/US/UK. Pls call: 00918943432057

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Contact: Whatsapp 8144140365

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Hindu Agamudayar Rajakulam 28 yrs MBBS seeks suitable doctor groom, pref. Chennai or any Districts. Subsect no bar.Ct: 82208 79684 / 94447 80740

DOCTOR GIRL 31/156 MBBS MD General Medicine, seeks Doctors/ suitable grooms 9447493034, 9497168001

DOCTOR BRIDE
Hindu SC, PR, 28yrs / 5.6, Poosam, Kadagam, MBBS, doing MD (Peds), Parents Govt. service, seeks MD / MS ongoing PG Groom, preferably Govt. Doctors.
93630 87847
80560 13678

Tamil Vellalar pillai Girl (24/5'6) Swathi, Thulam MBBS. Seeks well qualified professional Groom preferably Doctor. rajaraman34@gmail.com

HINDU, Adi Dravida, 24yrs/156cm, Fair, M.B.B.S, settled in Chennai seeks Doctor Groom. Whatsup: 94442 18149

Vanniar, Affluent Family (Divorce) aged 33 years, Dr. MS (O&G) seeks same profession bridegroom, sub cast no bar. Call : 98941 34981

MUDALIAR 32/165 DM Cardiology Seeks, Mudaliar PG Doctorss only Sub-sect No Bar Ct: 82206 77056.

IAS / ALLIED SERVICES

TAMIL/ SC/ Mar 93/163cm / IRS officer wanted groom from IAS allied service /MD/ MS Contact 9445671584

KANNADA

HINDU VOKKALIGA Gowda 30, BE from Coimbatore seeks Suitable Groom. Contact: 97917 68175.

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Email details to menon.suresh1962@gmail.com or whatsapp to 9819065462

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INVITING PROPOSALS FOR HINDU NAIR GIRL 31/5'3" SENIOR SCIENTIST BOSTON USA FROM NAIR BOYS WITH GOOD FAMILY BACKGROUND WORKING IN USA ONLY.
PHONE : 9495950796 , 9447161796

EZHAVA Girl 33, Thrikketta, M.tech IIT Assistant Engineer(Govt.),Included in PSC Rank list for Assistant Professor, E6342125, Ct: 93870 40466

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WARM, ATTRACTIVE, 36, 160, US–educated/based lawyer. Seeking successful, open–minded, understanding S. Indian partner. Call/WA 9345634365.

TAMIL

SEEKS GROOM from Bangalore/ Chennai, for CSI Christian Nadar girl, 28/160 working in MNC Bangalore 1.30 Lakh per month Ct: 9893392905 / 9589003508, gjas1968@gmail.com

CSI CHRISTIAN, 32, fair, well educated legal professional from respectful elite cosmopolitan family, settled in Chennai seeks suitable well educated Groom with similar background. Ph: 9445417111/ 824–8853323

RC CHRISTIAN Age 33, PGDM – HR Bachelor's in Arts – French/Philosophy Working in the Embassy @ Delhi. Ct: 8130110968, 9818455593

CSI TAMIL, God Fearing, Homely, B.Tech., PGDM(XLRI), 25 Years, Budding Entrepreneur, Parents seek alliance from suitable God Fearing, well qualified and employed Groom with clean habits Mobile/WhatsApp: 7200309111

PAVANA RC Girl Malayali Family 29/ 171cm, Graduate From Stella Maris College & Done HR – Loyola College. Settled in Chennai, T–Nagar For More Than 48 Years, Now Working HR in Microsoft Hyderabad Seeks Groom From Chennai or Kerala Working in Hyderabad Age 30–34 Year. 9884185583

CHRISTIAN, INTERCASTE , 33yrs, MS, Software Professional, at USA, Income 1crore Ph.8138901294

CHRISTIAN, RC, 30yrs, B.E, Software Professional at UK, Income 50lakhs. Ph. 8138900553

RC/VELLALAR/24/BE,MS FROM affluent family seeks affluent/elite grooms in Tamil Nadu (prefer Chennai) Mob 9444466802

CSI NADAR 28 yrs BE, Looking for IT Professional Groom(Chennai) with Good Family.Ct.9841242355,9321940618

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TAMIL

CHRISTIAN, NADAR, 33 yrs, Divorced, MBBS, MD, at Tirunelveli. Income 30 lakhs. Ph. 7356483111

CHRISTIAN, RC, 30 yrs, B.E, Software Engineer at Chennai. Income 25 lakhs. Ph. 8138900530

KULALA (TELUGU), 27/160, BE, ECE, Uthiradam, Dhanusu, 2nd marriage, issueless, short lived, seeks suitable groom from educated family, working professional not more than 34, caste no bar, Ct: 8075760926

✔ **VADAKALAI, ANUSHAM,** Kowshika,33 years, B.Tech, M.S, Ph.d (US), Upper middle class, U.S. Working groom Preferred. willing to relocate. ct: 98944 89074, Srigeo12@gmail.com

SEEKING EMPLOYED bridegroom below 35y for Hindu SC fair, educated, divorced, homely & employed 32y bride from elite family. CNBar 9483542477

HINDU NADAR 32yrs/164cm, B.Tech star–Revathy workg–IT seeks IT/ other profnl groom 9944410712/ 9514952555

BALIJA NAIDU, 29 yrs, Issueless divorcee, MNC, good position, seeks broad minded, friendly, willing to re locate to Bangalore, (Caste no bar) Ct : 9943043696.

HINDU NADAR 23years B.sc, MBA Elite business family, Seeks Suitable Groom Contact: 9380791999/ 9841329471

GROOM WANTED Rich Naidu 24yrs, B.Tech,Own Industries and Warehouses in Chennai Ct: 9710093999/ 9710091999

✔ **VADAKALAI, UTHIRAM,** Simmam 26 years, M.A English, M.Sc (Psychotherapy) B.Ed, Upper middle class. seeks working groom from CBE, Bengalore. chennai. ct: 98944 89074

WANTED GROOM for a Post Graduate Doctor, Eye Surgeon, Chennai Based, 33 Years, Kettai Star, Viruchiga Rasi, Mithuna Lagnam, Doctors, Engineer, Auditor or Equivalent With Good Family Background, Well Settled, Hindu, Telugu, Reddy & Non Veg May Contact in Whats App 9941019444 Email: lokyuva22@gmail.com

THULUVA VELLALA Mudaliar Girl 33/ 160cm Krithigai, P.G, Employee in IT Chennai, seeks Groom Ct: 9445505491

MUDALIAR 29/158 beautiful, M.S., pursuing Ph.D Abroad seeks suitable well qualified groom. Ct: 9448511720

HINDU MUTHURAJA, 30/155 / BE / Software Engineer in UK. Seeks Groom in UK . Caste No Bar. Contact : 99444 00307, 89034 21862.

CNB 26YRS BE, MBA(Uk) working in UK, well educated Background Seeks Suitable Groom 9710093999/ 9710091999

Sozhiya Vellalar 1984 Born TN Govt Officer seeks Qualified Groom preferably from Coimbatore. CT: 84891-64665

HINDU, VANNIYAR, 31yrs, MBBS, MD, Doctor Professional at Chennai. Income 20lakhs. Ph.8138900312

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SEEKING QUALIFIED Groom in Chennai for 42/152cm Divorcee No Issues, Msc.Phy. working Pvt Comp: 7094562548

GROOM WANTED 26yrs, B.Tech, Elite business family in Chennai. Caste No Bar Ct: 9710093999 / 9710091999

SC (AD), 29yrs, MBBS, Well educated family background Seeks Suitable Groom Contact 9710093999/ 9710091999

HINDU MUTHURAJA GIRL 23 /160/ MCA, Seeks Groom in Tamil Nadu only, preferably BE / MCA / M.Sc., (CS) / Good Job, 29-30 years age. Contact: 89256 15004.

DOCTOR MD (Pathology) DCH 39yrs Hindu BC, Divorcee without child, working in a private hospital, seeks well settled, compatible, decent & affectionate Groom CNB Ct: 9176289180

Tamil/Hindu/SC/AD/28/5'4" Bride, full time PhD in Architecture with monthly emoluments of 80K in a reputed institution, seeking suitably qualified and well settled Grooms from decently educated families. Bride parents are professionals & in service. Preferring Chennai based. Contact: 9080501633/9884393878.

VANNIYA KULA Kshatriya Bride 31Years Be Working in Govt. Service Bridegroom Govt/ Pvt/ Bank Same Caste Preferable. Ct: 9789810972/ 9444949349. Mail id: kumarguru59@gmail.com

TAMIL

SEEKS NRI Groom, CSI/AG Tamil, Vellalar, 26yrs/168cm, BBA, ACCA. Call/WA: +919489332578

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HINDU NADAR Chennai Divorcee of 37 yrs in Government job seeks working bridegroom below 41yrs. 9443156344

CASTE NO Bar, 25yrs, BE, MBA, Elite business family, Seeks Suitable Groom Contact: 9710093999/ 9710091999

TELUGU/ MALAYALAM Fair 64 yrs widow 165cm/ 65kg well settled in US, seeks well settled Widower/ Divorcee/ biz/ corporate. Mb: 9840784555

NAIDU, 43/150, Uthirattathi, Ph.D, Professor, First Marriage, Sub-sec no bar, seeks suitable Groom.Ph:7358166806

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KULALAR 28/165Cms M.S. (General Surgery Final Year), Seeks Doctor Bride. Caste No Bar.
Contact : 9600879203, 0413-2278203

HINDU, Adi Dravida, 28/160cm, Fair MD., Anesthesia settled in Chennai seeks Doctor Bride,CNB. 63697 02539

31, SURGEON, MCh(AIIMS), 180cm, Hindu, OBC, Tamil/Kannada. Ph: 01135521849

MALAYALAM

✔ **CHRISTIAN 29/**178, MS, US Educated and Employed Professional. Invite Compatible Life Partner. 9791683272.

AGE 35 M.A. B.Ed. High school Teacher.Horoscope and caste optional.Prefer bride from any state ready to settle in Kerala. 9400245879.

TRIVANDRUM BASED Nair Boy 28, 168 cm, Uthram, PhD from USA (final stage) +91 91460 57469, 97462 39230

NAIR PARENTS Chennai own house seeks graduate girl for son 37/180 BE, MBA own business Chathayam, Sudha Jathagam. CNB. Cont: 98841 33204

NRI

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TAMIL

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CHRISTIAN, RC, 35 yrs, MS, IT Professional at Chennai. Income 25 lakhs. Ph. 8138900470

CHRISTIAN, CSI, 25 yrs, Software Developer at Chennai. Income 25 lakhs. Ph. 8138900487

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HINDU NADAR 28 Aswini BE MBA IIM Ahmedabad 3 Laks Per Month working at Chennai. Seeks Doctor / IAS / Group 1 Officer. Bride. 84388 37195

BALIJA NAIDU 26yrs B.Tech Well educated family background, Seeks Suitable Bride Ct:9710093999/ 9710091999

HINDU, CASTE no bar, 29yrs, MBM,Business Professional at Madurai. Income 10 crore Ph. 7356483111

HINDU, DEVAR, 37yrs, B.E, Software professional at USA. Income 1 crore Ph. 9048444840

AGE 56 Individual Prospective Individual Dependent Above 50 Years of Age. Please Contact : 9962582006

41YRS,176 CMS, Fair, Athletic,Teetotaler, Non Smoker, Divorced. Masters from UK. Well settled in Chennai.Entrepreneur & Legal consultant, Hindu(Caste No Bar) Call : 9840234030

ABOVE MEDIUM height, graduate or above, 1 to 4 years less aged, employed or not Bride needed for Vadamal, Koundinyam, Poosam, 29 years, fair, 183cm tall B.E., Sr Manager – Daimler Coimbatore Groom. Subsect no bar. 9444580645 Uncle Chennai; 9944815994, venkattram@gmail.com Father, Coimbatore.

Hindu Maravar, 29, 160cm, Ayilyam, Kadagam, Qual: M.D. (Anesthesia), Madurai. Looking for cultured homely understanding partner preferably MBBS/MD/MS. Contact: 9094403037, niruasoke@gmail.com

MUDALIAR, KETTAI 31/168 BE Mech Earning 9 Lacs p.a, Own House Coimbatore. CT: 9597772439, 8489272439.

CNB, 34YRS, M.Arch, well Educated Background in Chennai. Seeks Suitable Bride. Ct: 9962791888/ 7094991999

BRIDE WANTED Hindu Nadar 30yrs B.Tech MS(US) working in US 6lakhs pm, Elite Family 9380791999/ 9841329471

AGE 34 B.Tech MBA, Chennai, WFH in AMERICAN IT Company, Seeking suitable bride, GEN/OBC, Ph: 9600097474

ELITE VISHWAKARMA Gold 26/175 FAIR, BTech, Mom Prof / Dad Jewelery. Equal CNB. Ct 9360571051 / 9790182084

ARYA VYSYA, CNB, teetotaller Vegitarian 1983 Born needs Suitable Bride Ct 9894450475

HINDU, PILLAI, 31yrs, MBA, Senior Business Analyst at Bangalore. Income 20lakhs Ph.8138900557

HINDU, PILLAI, 29yrs, M.tech, Software professional at Australia. Income 1crore Ph. 8138900652

HINDU, BOYAR, 35yrs, B.E, Software professional at Chennai. Income 15lakhs. 9072777822

HINDU, GOUNDER, 26yrs, B.E, Quality Assurance Engineer at Pune. Income 12lakhs. Ph.8138901181

MUDALIAR ELITE Business Family. Well–educated groom. 25 yrs. Seeks beautiful bride from business elite background. Contact 9994106265

AGAMUDAIYAR UTHIRADAM 34/180 B.Tech, TCS, Hyderabad, 2Lpm, seeks Equally Qualified bride, Caste No Bar. Contact: 8220984182

CNB, 29/182 B.Com, Govt. Bank Staff, Seeks Suitable Veg. Family Bride, Parent Please whatsapp: 9787777345

CNB RICH or Employable Abroad, Tamil/ Telugu bride required for Naidu groom 1981 born, Divorcee no issues BDS Surgeon MBA (UK) working Bangalore, Admin Reputed Hospital. Ct: 9886782390/ 9962246305

TAMIL

KARKATHAR/ SAIVA Pillai, 12/12/ 1994, Revathy/ Meenam, Asst–Professor MS (General Surgeon), having Own Clinic Chennai. Well settled family, Looking PG Doctor Vegetarian, Family Oriented Girl. Contact: 9841039515

M.S., SWE (35) Seeks Suitable BRIDE From Naidu Caste. Simple Marriage Proposed. Ct:9445716965/ 9445728514

HINDU, KONGU Maruthuvar, 36yrs, BSMS, working in a reputed hospital. Seeks suitable bride, Caste no bar. Ct: 7824000381

✔ **G. GOWRISHANKAR / 35 / 175 cm / working in U.K as Team Lead for Frame store (Visual Effects Company) / parents intercaste (hindu) / contact number: 96770 90227.**

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SC, 33yrs/152cm, PharmD, Pursuing Ph.D, Divorcee, No kids, Seeks Groom – India & abroad, Caste No bar, ct.9700019949.

TELUGU

BHOVI GIRL Dec 2000, 178 cm, Fair, BE CSC working IT lives in Bangalore, seeks suitable Telugu/ Kannada groom. Ct: 9482522441

NAIDU, MCA, 48, Div. issueless, seeks suitable groom ct.

BJP leaders backing BYV to meet party leadership, seek Yatnal's expulsion

Renukacharya claims party workers and leaders across the State want rebels to be thrown out of BJP since they are causing embarrassment; party plans to hold a convention in Davangere

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Firm stand: BJP leaders, including former Ministers M.P. Renukacharya, B.C. Patil, and Katta Subramanya Naidu, at a press conference in Mysuru on Saturday. M.A. SRIRAM

Amid the growing internal bickering in the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) State unit, a group of leaders owing allegiance to party's State president B.Y. Vijayendra have announced that they will shortly be meeting national leaders to demand the expulsion of rebel leader Basanagouda R. Patil Yatnal and his followers.

The BJP leaders, including former Ministers M.P. Renukacharya, B.C. Patil, Katta Subramanya Naidu, and Hartal Halappa, who were in Mysuru on Saturday, offered prayers at Chamundeshwari temple atop Chamundi Hills and addressed a press conference.

Mr. Renukacharya told reporters that party workers and leaders across the State want the rebels to be thrown out of the BJP. "As a voice of the party workers and leaders, we will meet the national leadership and demand their expulsion," he said.

Mr. Renukacharya, who hit out at Mr. Yatnal for repeatedly targeting Mr. Vijayendra and senior BJP leader B.S. Yediyurappa, laid the blame for the party's rout in the recent byelections in three Legislative Assembly constituencies squarely on Mr. Yatnal's doorstep. He claimed that the image of the BJP had suffered in the minds of the general public on account of Mr. Yatnal's critical statements against Mr. Yediyurappa and Mr. Vijayendra since 2020.

The party will shortly organise a convention in Davangere under Mr. Vijayendra's leadership to instil confidence among the party workers, who were hurt after the party's loss in the recent byelections. "A host of Central leaders and Union Ministers, besides State leaders, will attend the convention and boost the morale of the party workers for the upcoming elections to local bodies," he said.

Mr. Renukacharya also claimed that he was receiving threat calls for speaking out against the rebels.

Delay in action

When asked for the reasons for the delay by the party's national leadership in acting against Mr. Yatnal, former MLA and BJP's Mysuru city unit president L. Nagendra said the party central leadership was busy with the Maharashtra elections, but would soon take up the issue.

Even as the leaders were addressing the media, a few BJP workers turned up at the press conference and shouted at the leaders for their failure to bring pressure on the party leadership for Mr. Yatnal's expulsion.

Maternal deaths: CM orders Drugs Controller's suspension

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Taking stock: Chief Minister Siddaramaiah with Ministers Dinesh Gundu Rao, Sharan Prakash Patil, and B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan at a high-level meeting in Bengaluru on Saturday.

Taking serious note of the recent maternal deaths in Ballari district hospital, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Saturday ordered that Karnataka State Drugs Controller Umesh S. be placed under suspension with immediate effect on the charge of dereliction of duty.

Speaking to the media after chairing a high-level meeting, the Chief Minister said he had directed officials to blacklist Paschim Banga Pharmaceutical Ltd. that supplied substandard ringer lactate solution – an intravenous (IV) fluid that doctors commonly use to restore hydration and fluid balance in the body – to Karnataka State Medical Supplies Corporation Ltd. (KSMSCL).

Siddaramaiah directs officials to blacklist the pharma firm that supplied 'substandard' ringer lactate solution

A criminal case has also been filed against the company. A departmental inquiry has been ordered against the KSMSCL Managing Director.

Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao had on Friday said an experts committee from the RGUHS that probed the deaths had concluded that the four women developed complications and died after they were administered the IV fluid following the caesarean operation.

Mr. Siddramaiah said the government had already announced a compensation of ₹2 lakh each to the families of the deceased. He said compensation would also be collected from the pharma company for the families of the victims. He said an expert committee headed by the Development Commissioner would be set up to investigate if any maternal deaths occurred in other hospitals in the State where the ringer lactate solution supplied by the company had been used.

The Chief Minister said he had directed officials to submit a proposal in the next Cabinet meeting regarding streamlining the drug procurement process and restructuring of the Drugs Control Department on the lines of a system being followed in Tamil Nadu.

Medical Education Minister Sharan Prakash Patil said Karnataka's maternal and infant mortality rate is considerably low. "We are suspecting that the deaths occurred due to the use of the IV fluids as only those who underwent the cesarean operation died. IV fluids are administered only after surgeries, he said.

He said samples from the IV fluid batches would be tested through chromogenic methods to detect endotoxins in five private NABL-accredited laboratories. "Endotoxins are lipopolysaccharides found in the cell wall of Gram-negative bacteria, which can induce inflammation and fever as an immune response in higher organisms. Reaction to endotoxins can lead to renal failure and death of patients," Dr. Patil added.

Gurappa Naidu expelled from Congress for six years

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Congress leader B. Gurappa Naidu, who has been booked for alleged sexual harassment, has been expelled from the primary membership of the party for six years.

KPCC disciplinary action committee chairman K. Rahman Khan on Saturday announced Mr. Naidu's expulsion from the party, according to press release.

Mr. Naidu, who is also KPCC general secretary, has been booked under IPC sections 354A (sexual harassment), 506 (criminal intimidation), 509 (word, gesture or act intended to insult the modesty of a woman), 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace), and 354 (assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty). The FIR was registered on November 26, based on a complaint by a 38-year-old woman, who worked as a teacher at a school where the suspect is the chairman.

Case booked for circulating video with fake claim

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Chickballapur police have booked a case against 'unidentified persons' for allegedly circulating a video with a fake claim of Muslims carrying out communal attacks in the area.

The video clip, which claimed to show a group of Muslims running in a field to attack shanties, was widely circulated on social media platforms. It was alleged that the group was attacking landowners of another community in Chickballapur to take over their land for waqf. Superintendent of Police Kushal Chouksey said, "The video was fact-checked. It was not from here, but recorded in Bangladesh." Strict action would be initiated against those who try to disturb communal harmony, he said.

HC refuses to quash case against two for cheating Amazon

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

They allegedly duped the firm of ₹70 lakh by returning low-cost products in place of the costly ones they had purchased and getting a refund

Observing that digital crimes have overshadowed conventional crimes, the High Court of Karnataka has refused to quash criminal proceedings against two persons who allegedly duped Amazon India of about ₹70 lakh by returning low-cost electronic products in place of costly products they had purchased and getting a refund.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order while dismissing a petition filed by Sourish Bose, a resident of Kolkata, and Deepanvitha Ghosh, who was earlier residing in Bengaluru and is now a resident of Kolkata. The criminal proceedings were initiated on a complaint by Amazon Transportation Services Pvt. Ltd.

104 products

The city police had filed a chargesheet against them on the allegation that they had purchased 104 products between December 2016 and April 2017 by giving different names and addresses in Bengaluru for delivery of products purchased from Amazon, and also by giving different addresses, some from other cities, for pick up of returned products.

It was alleged that the IP addresses used by Deepanvitha to place the orders were proxy, as many of these were different international locations and some were in West Bengal.

The result of the illegal activities of the accused was that they retained both the costly products purchased from Amazon besides getting the entire amount, paid for purchasing the products, through refund by returning substandard products.

It was argued on behalf of the accused that they could not have been chargesheeted for the offence of cheating under sections 415 and 420 (cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property) of the Indian Penal Code. The only offence, if at all attracted, was under Section 66D (punishment for cheating by personation by using computer resource) of the Information Technology Act, 2000, which is a non-cognisable offence, unlike Section 420 of the IPC, which is a cognisable offence, it was argued on their behalf.

Rejecting these arguments, the court described their contentions as "preposterous" while pointing out that the case registered against them had all the ingredients to attract sections 415 and 420 of the IPC as they *prima facie* had dishonest intention throughout their transactions with Amazon.

"Two properties are retained again with dishonest intention. One, the product itself and the other the money of the product. If this cannot be cheating, it is ununderstandable as to what can be a classic illustration of ingenious cheating," the court observed.

Don't bring caste, religion into voting rights: DKS

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Every citizen has the right to vote in this country and it is wrong to drag caste and religion into this fundamental right, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar has said.

Talking about the statement of Kumara Chandrashekaranatha Swami of Vishwa Vokkaliga Mahasamsthana Mutt that the voting rights of Muslims should be snatched, he lashed out at Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly R. Ashok for turning it into an issue of Vokkaliga community and pride.

HDK hints at a larger role for Nikhil

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Nikhil Kumaraswamy addressing a thanksgiving meeting organised by the JD(S) in Channapatna on Saturday. Party State president H.D. Kumaraswamy and former Minister S.R. Mahesh were present.

Hinting at entrusting his son Nikhil Kumaraswamy with larger responsibilities in the party, Union Minister and JD(S) State president H.D. Kumaraswamy on Saturday said the latter would tour the State and focus on strengthening the party after Sankranti.

The Channapatna byelection debacle for 36-year-old actor-politician Mr. Nikhil Kumaraswamy was the third setback in a row in five years. He lost the Lok Sabha election from Mandya in 2019 and the Assembly election from Ramanagara in 2023.

Speaking to media persons participating in a meeting organised by the party to express its gratitude to the people of Channapatna, the Union Minister said although his son had lost, the enthusiasm among party workers was more than that of victory.

"Our party workers want Nikhil to focus on Channapatna and prepare for the next Assembly election. While he will continue to work for the people of Channapatna, his responsibility will further go up now onwards," he said.

Stating that he is busy in his capacity as the Union Minister and also in the context of his health issues, Mr. Kumaraswamy said his son would tour the entire State and strengthen the party in consultation with our senior party leaders.

"Our legislators and former legislators, who showed their unity in the recent byelections, will continue to work for strengthening the party. Nikhil will work in consultation with our senior leaders," he added.

He also vowed that the JD(S) would win all four Assembly seats in Ramanagara district in the next elections and Mr. Nikhil Kumaraswamy himself would win by a margin of 25,000 votes from Channapatna.

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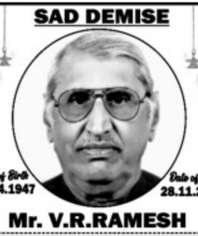

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Phone : 0471 2522278

No. RCC/362/2024/ADMN-1 Dated 28.11.2024

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Last date of receipt of application **26.12.2024**.
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Shortage of CD4 test kits hits HIV/AIDS patients

Although Karnataka has been following a 'treat all' policy since 2017, which mandates free ART initiation irrespective of the CD4 count, new patients in several districts are finding it hard to get the treatment without the test. Those on treatment are anxious as monitoring of their immunity is hit

WORLD AIDS DAY

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

An acute shortage of CD4 (cluster of differentiation 4) test kits in Karnataka has hit people living with HIV/AIDS hard for the last six months.

The CD4 count is a vital parameter that measures the immune system. A low CD4 count means HIV has weakened the immunity. Before being initiated into the first line of ART (antiretroviral therapy), screening is done not only to identify the combination of drugs but also to deal with the side effects of the toxic multi-drug therapy.

Although the State has been following a "treat all" policy since 2017, which mandates free ART initiation irrespective of the CD4 count, new patients in several districts (including Chikkaballapur, Dharwad, Athani, Gangavati, Ramanagara, Yadgir and Mudhol) are finding it hard to get the treatment without the test. Besides, those already on treatment are anxious as the monitoring of their immunity is affected.

December 1 is observed as World AIDS Day.

The CD4 count is a vital parameter that measures the human immune system.
GETTY IMAGES

Over 50 CD4 machines

The State has over 50 CD4 machines of three different brands – 27 Sysmex, four Alere Pima and 20 BD Presto machines – that are in working condition. While the National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) is supplying test kits for the former two brands (Sysmex and Alere Pima), it has asked the Karnataka State AIDS Prevention Society (KSAPS) to procure test kits of BD Presto locally. KSAPS officials said the shortage is due to delays in local procurement.

Patients in some districts said their CD4 count has not been tested for months. "It helps determine treatment plans and monitors the effectiveness of ART," said Rekha, a transgender who lives with HIV in a village in Davangere district. "Without regular CD4 tests, we are at greater risk of opportunistic infections, especially tuberculosis (TB). It creates uncertainty and stress, which in turn reduces the count again," said Mallika Shivahalli from Bagalkot, who has been living with HIV for the past 12 years.

Acknowledging the shortage, KSAPS Project Director Nagaraja N.M. told *The Hindu* that the 20 centres that have BD Presto machines have been mapped with other nearest centres that have CD4 machines. "Samples from the 20 centres are being sent to the other nearest centres, and testing is being done. It has not affected the patients, as irrespective of the CD4 count, their treatment is continuing," he said.

Mr. Nagaraja said money has been allocated for the local procurement, and the issue will be resolved within a week to ten days. "These test kits are proprietary items of the company. The procurement process is underway, and the issue will be resolved soon," he said.

HIV TPR declining

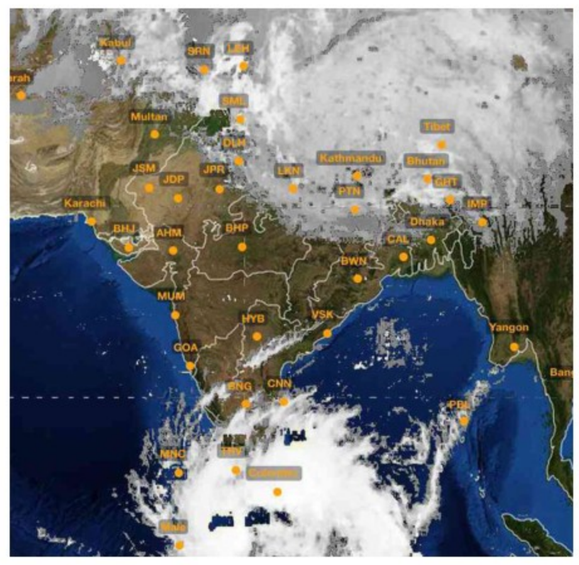
The HIV test positivity rate (TPR) in Karnataka, which has been one of the top three States with the highest number of people living with HIV, has been on a declining trend since 2017.

The HIV TPR in women under antenatal care (ANC) has reduced from 0.06% in 2017-18 to 0.03% in 2024-25 (till October end). In general clients tested at the Integrated Counselling and Testing Centres (ICTCs), it has dropped from 0.85% in 2017-18 to 0.33% in 2024-25 (till October end).

(Names of patients have been changed)

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Sunday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at a few/isolated places over coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, coastal Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, south interior Karnataka, Kerala and Mahe. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Kerala and Mahe. Dense fog likely in isolated pockets of Uttar Pradesh

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	31.8	19.6	Kozhikode	—	33.4	25.4
Ahmedabad	—	28.3	16.0	Kurnool	—	30.0	22.7
Aizawl	—	29.3	17.6	Lucknow	—	26.7	10.8
Allahabad	—	28.0	11.4	Madurai	0.5	32.2	23.6
Bengaluru	—	22.6	20.3	Mangaluru	—	32.0	22.6
Bhopal	—	24.0	10.4	Mumbai	—	33.3	18.0
Bhubaneswar	0.3	28.9	20.5	Mysuru	—	26.4	17.9
Chandigarh	—	26.7	9.3	New Delhi	—	26.8	9.8
Chennai	114.2	26.0	22.0	Patna	—	27.6	16.1
Coimbatore	—	28.8	22.1	Port Blair	0.3	31.0	26.8
Dehradun	—	25.8	9.6	Puducherry	—	26.0	23.0
Gangtok	—	17.0	8.6	Pune	—	28.7	12.4
Goa	—	32.0	24.0	Raipur	—	26.2	17.7
Guwahati	—	29.0	14.3	Ranchi	—	23.4	12.6
Hubballi	—	30.0	21.0	Shillong	—	19.8	9.0
Hyderabad	—	28.7	20.8	Shimla	—	20.3	8.3
Imphal	—	24.7	14.7	Srinagar	—	9.7	1.0
Jaipur	—	26.4	11.6	Thiruvananthapuram	—	32.5	25.6
Kochi	—	30.0	24.8	Tiruchi	0.1	28.7	23.8
Kohima	—	20.6	9.2	Vijayawada	—	28.8	24.2
Kolkata	0.4	21.2	19.5	Visakhapatnam	10	25.4	23.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.16	.34	21	264	134	
Bengaluru	7	.15	66	72	104	
Chennai	6	.14	82	38	35	
Delhi	.38	305	95	367	375	
Hyderabad	6	115	78	157	150	
Kolkata	3	.34	28	107	111	
Lucknow	6	.38	61	269	232	
Mumbai	.32	.74	33	142	141	
Pune	7	.51	55	300	164	
Visakhapatnam	7	.40	49	54	44	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Delhi recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 346 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Madikeri, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 27

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

'Under IPC, KCOCA no written info need to be given to accused for arrest'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The directions of the apex court for giving grounds of arrest in writing to the accused persons under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, are not applicable to the offences under the Indian Penal Code (IPC) or the Karnataka Control of Organised Crimes Act (KCOCA), 2000, or any arrest under any penal law, the High Court of Karnataka has said. This is applicable to all except in cases of preventive detention.

As provisions of the IPC and the KCOCA do not mandate divulgence of the grounds of arrest in writing, the accused in such cases is entitled only to information under Section 50 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Cr. PC), which mandates that information of grounds of arrest has to be given to the accused, the High Court said.

Pandora's box

"If grounds of arrest is to be informed [in writing] as is held by the apex court in the cases of Pankaj Bansal, Prabir Purkayastha, and Arvind Kejriwal in every arrest on any cognisable offence, it would undoubtedly open Pandora's box of interpretation of what could be the grounds of arrest, and mushroom huge litigation before the constitutional courts" when there are a large number of criminal cases registered every day in about 20,000 police stations across the country, the High Court said.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna made these observations while holding the arrest of John Moses D. alias Madan Kumar, who is facing about 110 criminal cases for land-grabbing, against whom provisions of KCOCA have been invoked.

The court dismissed his petition, in which he had challenged his arrest claiming that grounds of arrest were not given to him in the manner prescribed by the apex court in its three judgments related to the UAPA and PMLA cases.

The High Court pointed out that the provisions of the UAPA and the PMLA make it mandatory to provide the grounds of arrest to the persons arrested under the provisions of these laws.

Three judgments

Moreover, the apex court holds it mandatory to give grounds of arrest in writing in its three judgments – in the cases of Pankaj Bansal, Prabir Purkayastha, and Arvind Kejriwal – owing to the fact that enlargement of an accused for the offences under the UAPA and the PMLA on grant of bail is extremely limited, the High Court said.

"The burden to prove that an accused is not guilty begins at the threshold. It is in fact a reverse burden on the accused. It is, therefore, in such cases the grounds of arrest should be informed to the accused" in the manner prescribed by the apex court, the High Court pointed out.

The information of arrest that is indicated to the petitioner is sufficient as per law, the court said. However, the court made it clear that the norms of the apex court would apply if the arrest is made under the PMLA or the UAPA.

KARNATAKA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
Parisara Bhavana, No.49, Church Street, Bangalore-560001
Phone : 080-25581383, Fax : 080-25586321

No. PCB/87/BLD/2023/2024-25/3514 Dated: 21/11/2024

INVITATION FOR TENDER - CALL- 1
(Through GoK e-procurement platform www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in)

The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) invites tenders from eligible tenderers through GOK e-procurement platform **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** by The CEO-2 for the following work:

Name of the work: Annual Maintenance of gardens at KSPCB Head office Parisara Bhavan, Regional office Nisarga Bhavan, Urban eco-park, Peenya, Bengaluru and Regional office Ramanagara. **Approx Value of the work:** Rs.35.98 lakhs. All payments such as tender cost, EMD etc., shall be made in e-payment mode only.

For more details, please refer e-procurement web site: **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Chief Environment Officer-2

DIPR/CP/3454/AKAR/2024-25

Our motto is to minimize waste generation through judicious use of natural resources

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Chamarajpet Division, BBMP Anganawadi Centre, 2nd Main, T.R. Mill Road, Bengaluru-560018 (Phone No: 9480688278)

No. EE/CMP/TEND/Quotation/01/2024-25 Date : 29-11-2024

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM QUOTATION

Sealed Quotation are invited from the reputed Agencies for the following works (Providing and Constructing of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Bronze Big Statue and other Development works in Ward No. 139) The quotation may be submitted individually and separately for each of the below mentioned works / items.

Sl.	Description
1	Casting supply, erecting and fixing 25 feet height Bronze statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Statue in standing posture with proportion length and breadth (excluding pedestal) with Bronze weight of Bronze approximately 5.5 to 6 tonnes and thickness of Bronze not less than 9mm with heavy gauge steel used as reinforcement (excluding Bronze weight) including cost of all materials, making clay model, taking the negative model with the pop moulds, making fibre statue using pop moulds and final Bronze mould casting, welding of Bronze statue in foundry, bracing with stainless steel angles, flats with nut and bolts, cutting statue in to required parts for transportation, parts on the pedestal, welding stainless steel structure and Bronze parts final finishing and painting installation at point of i.e., work spot including labour, and all incidental charges for successful erection on existing civil work (peeta) includes the certificates to be obtained from the quality assurance authorities etc., complete, as per the direction of Engineer in charge of the work. **Qty :** 01 No.

Terms and Condition :
(1) Rates to be quoted inclusive of all taxes. **(2)** Sealed quotation shall be submitted to the office of the Executive Engineer, Chamarajpet Division, Bengaluru. Date: **09-12-2024 upto 4:00 PM (3)** The Quotation will be opened in presence of the bidders on (if possible) at **10-12-2024 upto 4:00 PM (4)** The Executive Engineer, Chamarajpet Division may accept / reject quotation without assigning any reason.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Chamarajpet Division

Karnataka Neeravari Nigama Ltd.,
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer,
KNNL. M.L.B.C.C.Division No.2.
Naviluteertha-591116 TQ. Saundatti.Dist Belagavi.
Dn. e-mail: eemlbcnth@gmail.com Ph: - 08330-224516

No.MLBCC-2/DB/4701 SDT-YLIS/E-tender/24-25/ 2385 & 2386, Dated:29-11-2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
Through K.P.P. Portal system only)
(Two cover system)

Electronic percentage tender through e-procurement platform is invited by the Executive Engineer, KNNL, MLBCC Division No.2, Naviluteertha, on behalf of M.D., KNNL Bangalore for taking up the following Two works from the Eligible contractors registered under KPWD .The tenderers are required to apply in two cover system (as per KTTP act 2000)
(Work Indent Numbers. 1987 & 1988), Estimated amount Rs. 495.00 Lakhs.
1. Pre Bid Meeting on 04-12-2024 @11.00 AM, 2. Last date of receipt : 10-12-2024 up to 4.00 PM. 3. Cover –I ,Technical, Bid will be opened on 11-12-2024 at 4.30 PM, 4. Cover – II, Financial Bid will be opened on 13-12-2024 at 11.00 AM.
Further information about electronic tendering can be had from www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in and can be had from the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/-(P.V.Mullur.) Executive Engineer,
KNNL, MLBCC.Dn. no.2 Naviluteertha.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1226/KSMCA/2024-25

Government of Karnataka
MANGALURU CITY CORPORATION
Mangaluru, Karnataka-575003

NO. MCC/MNG/KUIDFC/KIUWMIP/02MNG05/2024-25/844 DATE: 30.11.2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka Government, Inviting Tenders from the eligible contractors for the following work.
NAME & DESCRIPTION OF WORK: "Construction of Intake well, Jackwell cum Pump house and Bank Protection works near Adyar dam for Mangaluru City" under KIUWMIP Project.
Tender Details:

Sl No.	Details	Description
1	Tender Number	KUIDFC/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT40
2	Amount Put to Tender	**Rs. 1687.22 Lakhs**
3	Period of Completion	**18 Months (Including monsoon including 3 months trail run**
4	Tender Processing Fee	**As per Karnataka Public Procurement Portal**
5	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.in Lakhs)	**Rs.17.00 Lakhs**
6	Date and Time for Commencement of Downloading of Tender Document	**02-12-2024 after 15.00 hours**
7	Last Date and Time for Tender Queries/Clarifications	**06-12-2024 up to 14.00 hours**
8	Pre-Bid Meeting	**07-12-2024 at 11.00 hours**
9	Last Date and Time for receipt of Tenders	**17-12-2024 up to 17.00 hours**
10	Date and Time of Opening of Technical Bid	**18-12-2024 at 17.00 hours**

All other terms and condition could be obtained from Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or e-procurement helpdesk: **+91-8046010000/8068948777,** email support: support@eprochelpdesk.com or The Office of the Commissioner, Mangaluru City Corporation, Mangaluru, or E-mail: commissioner.mcc@gmail.com or Executive Engineer, PIU, KIUWMIP-Jalasiri, KUIDFC, Second Floor, MCC Commercial Complex, Lalbagh, Mangaluru-575003, **email: jalasiritranche2eemng@gmail.com**

Sd/- Commissioner
Mangaluru City Corpoation, Mangaluru

DIPR/MNG/KSMCA/908/24-25 dt.30.11.2024

DISTRICT HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY HAVERI
District Program Officer (Blindness Control Division) Haveri
'B' Block, 1st Floor, DC Office Complex, Devagiri, Haveri-581110
Tel.: 08375-249294 E-mail : dlohaveri@gmail.com

RETENDER SCHEDULE

1. RETENDER Reference No.	:	DHFWS/2024-25/IND0858/Call-3
2. RETENDER AMOUNT	:	6300000/-
3. EMD AMOUNT	:	126000.00
4. Date of Commencement of Download of RETENDER Document from eProcurement website : http://https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/portal-home	:	From: 28-11-2024
5. Last Date and Time for uploading Online Queries in procurement Portal	:	30-11-2024 @ 16:00 Hrs.
6. Last Date and Time for uploading of e- RETENDER in procurement portal	:	05-12-2024@ 16.00 Hrs
7. Date and Time of Online Opening of Technical Bids	:	06-12-2024@ 17:00 Hrs
8. Date and Time of Equipment's Demonstration (Sample Submission)	:	05-12-2024@ 17:00 Hrs
9. Date and time of financial bid opening	:	0 9 - 1 2 -2024 @ 11:00 Hrs (Tentative)

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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Infra Division - RI, BBMP, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560 002.

No. EE/RI/TEND/16/2024-25 Date: 30.11.2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
Two Cover system - QCBS (Quality cum Cost Based system)
(Only through GoK KPP Portal)

The Executive Engineer, Infra Division - RI, BBMP, Bengaluru on behalf the Commissioner, BBMP invites Tenders from eligible contractors registered in BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Govt. Organisations for the following works.

Sl.No.	Name of Assignment
1	Strategic Consultancy Services for Financial Sustainability LED Transformation of BBMP (2nd Call)
	EMD Amount : Rs. 10.00 Lakhs through Credit Card, Direct Debit, National Electronic Fund Transfer (NEFT), Over the Counter (OTC).

Duration of the Project : **21 weeks.**
Calendar of Events: (1) RFP documents may be downloaded from KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in (2)** Date of Pre-bid Meeting : **04.12.2024 at 16.00 hrs. in the office of the Engineer-in Chief, BBMP, 1st Floor, Annex Building-2, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560002. (3)** Last date for submission of completed documents : **12.12.2024 before 16.00 hrs. (4)** Date of opening of Technical proposal: **13.12.2024 at 16.05 hrs. (5)** Date of opening of Financial proposals: **will be after the approval of technical proposal.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or from KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Infra Division - RI

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ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ನ.ಸ.ಚಿ/ತಾ.ಶಾ/ಸಿ.ಆರ್/ಟೆಂ–12/2024–25 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 29.11.2024

ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅವಧಿ ವಿಸ್ತರಣೆ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

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(1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕುರಿತು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳು/ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕಡೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ:28.11.2024 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ.**
(2) ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಅಂತರ್ಜಾಲದ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕಡೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ:09.12.2024 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ.**
(3) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 11.12.2024 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ.**
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EC agrees to review Cong. concerns on polls

The gap in the 5 p.m. polling data and the final voter turnout was due to procedural priorities as presiding officers perform multiple statutory duties near the close of the poll before updating voter turnout data, it said, adding that as an additional disclosure measure, the commission's press note at around 11.45 p.m. was introduced during the Lok Sabha election earlier this year, and had been followed in all subsequent Assembly elections.

The Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA), consisting the Congress, Shiv Sena (UBT), and Nationalist Congress Party (SP), lost the Maharashtra election to the BJP-led Mahayuti alliance. The Congress managed to win 16 seats, while the Sena (UBT) bagged 20 seats, and the NCP(SP) won 10 seats.

Cyclone Fengal batters north T.N. coast; 3 dead

Train services between Beach and Chengalpattu were affected as the tracks were waterlogged at Pallavaram station. One express train was cancelled, two were diverted, and the starting point of 11 trains was changed. Chennai Metro Rail services, however, operated as usual.

At least 53 major roads were waterlogged in various parts of the city, and seven subways were closed. Several arterial roads wore a deserted look as most residents stayed indoors. Chennai Metrowater's control room (with helplines 044-45674567 and 1916) functioned round the clock to receive complaints related to water supply disruptions and sewage overflow.

Rainfall to continue

The heavy downpour that started over the coastal and north TN districts on Saturday may continue on December 1 as well, the Regional Meteorological Centre said. While Villupuram, Kallakurichi and Cuddalore have chances of isolated extremely heavy rainfall on Sunday, several other districts, including Chennai and its neighbouring districts and Ranipet, Nagapattinam and Dharmapuri, have chances of heavy or very heavy rainfall on Sunday. Squally winds with speeds of 50 kmph prevailed in places such as Nungambakkam on Saturday, Additional Director General of Meteorology S. Balachandran said.

No entry for 'outsiders' in Sambhal till Dec. 10

Mayank Kumar
LUCKNOW

Security personnel stand guard near the Shahi Jama Masjid in Sambhal.

The Sambhal district administration on Saturday issued prohibitory orders restricting outsiders from visiting the district till December 10. The decision was made on the day a 15-member delegation of the Samajwadi Party (SP) was to visit Sambhal to gather information about the violence that broke out during a survey of the Shahi Jama Masjid complex.

"No outsider can enter into the borders of the district without seeking the permission of the competent authority till December 10. The ban will also apply to social organisations and public representatives," read an order by Sambhal District Magistrate Rajendra Pensiya.

The SP alleged that the Bharatiya Janata Party government was hiding the "truth" of the violence. "The incident of the government deploying police at the houses of leaders who are part of the SP delegation... to investigate the violence in Sambhal, to prevent them from going to Sambhal, is highly undemocratic.."

Party chief Akhilesh Yadav alleged that the ban signified "failure of governance" in Uttar Pradesh.

"Imposing a ban is a failure of the BJP government's governance, administration and government management. If the government had imposed such a ban earlier on those who dreamed of causing riots and made people raise frenzied slogans, the atmosphere of harmony and peace in Sambhal would not have been spoiled. Just like the BJP changes the entire Cabinet at once, similarly, the entire administrative board from top to bottom in Sambhal should be suspended and dismissed due to their negligence, conspiracy and strict action should be taken against them and a case should also be filed against them for murder," Mr. Yadav wrote on X.

Lok Sabha member from Sambhal Zia Ur Rehman Barq said the government was "hiding misdeeds". "We want to give the report of the incident to Akhilesh Yadav. But the government is doing all this to hide the misdeeds of the police," he said.

Tension had been mounting in Sambhal since November 19 when a local court ordered the survey of the Mughal-era mosque following claims that a Harihar temple previously stood at the site. Violence erupted during the second day of the survey on November 24 when protesters gathered near the mosque and clashed with security personnel, leading to stone-pelting and arson. Four people died and several others were injured in the clashes. The police have denied allegations that it fired at the protesters.

The Supreme Court has since ordered the Sambhal trial court to halt proceedings in the case and also the survey.

J&K parties target Omar over govt. staff termination

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

Several J&K parties on Saturday targeted Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and sought his intervention to stop the termination of employees under Article 311, a day after two persons were removed from service by Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha.

Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) leader and legislator Waheed ur Rehman Parra expressed shock over the policy to dismiss employees without departmental inquiry or judicial process. "It's shocking how the government acts as judge, jury, and executioner, denying the aggrieved even a proper hearing. Such brazen overreach is unacceptable and must stop," Mr. Parra said.

Hurriyat chairperson and Kashmir's chief cleric Mirwaiz Umar Farooq too opposed the move. "Two more government employees terminated. The elected administration should take immediate measures to stop this injustice," the Mirwaiz said.

The Awami Ittehad Party and J&K Peoples Conference too echoed similar concerns.

Police search premises of 'false narrative peddlers'

A probe is under way against individuals allegedly conspiring to spread false narratives to incite unlawful and violent activities, the police say; BSF strengthens security at LoC ahead of winter

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

Security agencies carried out multiple searches in Srinagar on Saturday on the premises of those residents who were allegedly involved in "disseminating malicious narrative and false information to provoke people for unlawful and violent activities".

An official said the police searched multiple places in the Batamaloo and HMT areas as part of an investigation into an FIR lodged under Section 13 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

Officials said the searches were conducted in the houses of Obais Riyaz Dar, son of Riyaz Ahmad Dar and resident of Bonpora Batamaloo, and Sahil Ahmad Bhat, son of Noor Mohammad and resident of HMT, Zainakot.

"During the course of searches, incriminating material and electronic devices have been seized. More such searches in the houses of identified suspects involved in malicious and seditious propaganda would be conducted in the coming days," the police said.

Countering insurgency: The Jammu and Kashmir Police carry out searches in Srinagar on Saturday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

It said an investigation was on against some individuals who, at the behest of an adversary and in criminal conspiracy with others, were found *prima facie* involved in orchestrating a campaign of manufacturing fabricated and malicious narrative by way of disseminating twisted and false information to provoke people for unlawful and violent activities.

"Citizens are urged to exercise responsibility while using social media platforms and to refrain from sharing or uploading inciteful content that promotes false narratives and misleads people, especially youth to commit acts of terror," the police said.

Meanwhile, a senior BSF officer on Saturday said security forces have strengthened the anti-infiltration grid to thwart infiltration through the Line of Control (LoC) ahead of a harsh winter spell.

"Infiltration attempts increase before the winter. However, the anti-infiltration grid on the LoC is very strong with the coordination of the Army. We will ensure that any infiltration bid is thwarted," Ashok Yadav, Inspector-General in the Border Security Force (BSF), Kashmir Frontier, said, in Srinagar.

He said most of the terrorist infiltration occurs right before the onset of winter. "The BSF very diligently plans its course of action with the Army and also plans to bridge the vulnerable gaps. We analyse the inputs we receive from different intelligence agencies. Terrorists are still present at their launch pads across the border. The way we dominate our area at the LoC, we are confident that we will counter any infiltration attempts," the officer added.

17 terrorists killed in northwest Pakistan

Press Trust of India
PESHAWAR

Seventeen terrorists have been killed in two separate operations when helicopter gunships of Pakistani security forces targeted their hideouts in the country's restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province.

The intelligence-based operations were conducted in Bannu and the North Waziristan districts, on Friday, sources said.

In the Baka Khel area of Bannu district, 12 terrorists affiliated with the Hafiz Gulbahadur group were eliminated as choppers struck their compound.

The second operation was carried out in the Hasso Khel area of Mir Ali, North Waziristan, where five militants were killed.

A large cache of weapons and ammunition was seized from the militants, sources said. Security forces also released images of the killed terrorists. The operation is ongoing, with reinforcements arriving for the security forces.

Security forces have launched a massive operation against terrorists in response to fresh attacks in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's southern districts.

Committed to 'world-class' compliance, says Gautam Adani on U.S. allegations

Reuters
NEW DELHI

Adani Group founder Gautam Adani responded for the first time on Saturday to allegations by U.S. authorities that he was part of a $265-million bribery scheme, saying that his ports-to-power conglomerate was committed to "world-class regulatory compliance".

The indictment is the second major crisis to hit Mr. Adani in just two years, sending shockwaves across India and beyond. Andhra Pradesh is reviewing a power deal with the group, France's TotalEnergies decided to pause its investments and a political row over Mr. Adani has disrupted Parliament.

"Less than two weeks back, we faced a set of allegations from the U.S. about compliance practices at Adani Green Energy. This is not the first time we have faced such challenges," Mr. Adani said in a speech at an awards ceremony in Jaipur.

> What I can tell you is that every attack makes us stronger and every obstacle becomes a stepping stone for a more resilient Adani Group
> **GAUTAM ADANI**

U.S. authorities have accused Mr. Adani, his nephew and executive director Sagar Adani, and managing director of Adani Green Vneet S. Jaain of being part of a scheme to pay bribes to secure Indian power supply contracts, and misleading U.S. investors during fundraisings in the country.

The group has denied the allegations, describing them as "baseless" and vowing to seek "all possible legal recourse".

"What I can tell you is that every attack makes us stronger and every obstacle becomes a stepping stone for a more resilient Adani Group," Mr. Adani said. "In today's world, negativity spreads faster than facts, and as we work through the legal process, I want to re-confirm our absolute commitment to world-class regulatory compliance," he added.

Adani Group's finance chief on Friday rejected the allegations, while the Indian government said it had not received any U.S. request regarding the case.

At one point, Adani Group's listed companies saw as much as $34 billion wiped off from their combined market value, but the stocks have recovered ground as some partners and investors have rallied behind the conglomerate.

Beyond EVMs, CWC meet focuses on factionalism; Rahul urges Kharge to act

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Friday meet of the Congress Working Committee (CWC) may have focused on the electronic voting machines (EVMs) and the electoral process but party chief Mallikarjun Kharge bluntly put forth the issue of organisational weakness and factionalism affecting the party.

After Mr. Kharge mentioned how factionalism and the lack of unity was harming the party's prospects, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi is said to have urged him to crack the whip.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Kharge had said, "How can we defeat our rivals if we don't fight the elections unitedly and stop making statements against each other?"

Mr. Kharge also urged party colleagues to focus on "micro-communication" and learn lessons from the recent results to evolve a strategy on effectively countering "propaganda and misinformation" by rivals.

Mallikarjun Kharge

"How long can you fight State elections, relying on national issues and national leaders," he asked.

The more than four-hour-long CWC meet also focused on the organisational weaknesses and the need to strengthen it at the booth level.

Several leaders talked about the organisational shortcomings in Haryana and Maharashtra, where the party had lost the elections.

Senior leader Mohan Prakash pointed out that the party fought the Haryana elections without a proper organisational framework and even now, it has not been strengthened. The party is yet to appoint a Leader of the Opposition in the Haryana Assembly.

Senior leaders Pallam Raju and Harish Rawat were also among leaders who spoke about revamping the organisation from the grassroots level.

"The Congress Working Committee expresses its hope and confidence that the Congress president will complete the detailed State-wise reviews soon and take the necessary follow-up action. These matters need urgent attention both at the AICC level as well in all States," the CWC resolution read.

Speaking to presspersons after the CWC meet on Friday, K.C. Venugopal, party general secretary (organisation), said, "Whatever things we have not done so far, we are going to expedite all these decisions."

43 years after death of IAF officer, his wife reconnects with force, gets ₹1 crore in dues

R. Aishwaryaa
CHENNAI

Col. Vembu Shankar (retd) with the paperwork that was sorted out through Project Sambandh. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Forty-three years after the tragic death of Flight Lieutenant Chandrasekhar S.I. while preventing a train robbery on November 21, 1981, his wife reconnected with the Indian Air Force (IAF) on Saturday when over ₹1 crore in arrears was credited to her.

For the 70-year-old woman, who did not want her name to be publicised, it was not the financial settlement that mattered the most, but the restoration of the bond with the force that her late husband had served.

Colonel Vembu Shankar (retd), a Shaurya Chakra awardee, and founder of Project Sambandh, emphasised that the emotional significance of this reconnection far outweighed the monetary aspect.

After Chandrasekhar's death, his wife, from Chennai's Thiruvanmiyur, had endured decades of uncertainty over the pension benefits until the efforts of Project Sambandh brought her family's rightful entitlements back into focus.

Chandrasekhar, also from Chennai (then Madras), was on annual leave and travelling from Lucknow to Chennai when four armed robbers attacked the train in Chambal. He fought back to protect fellow passengers but got shot. The robbers fled and no passenger was harmed. The IAF officer was on his way to meet his wife, who was then nine months' pregnant, and their two-year-old son. His valour was posthumously honoured with a Kirti Chakra in 1982.

Following Chandrasekhar's death, his family faced financial strain from the delayed entitlements, said Col. Shankar.

The woman relocated to Australia in 1984 and remarried in 2002, due to which her pension was stopped. Despite being entitled to a pension and allowances owing to her husband's gallantry award, she did not receive the benefits as the spelling of her name was incorrect and the documents were insufficient. These were rectified under Project Sambandh. "This was not an easy process as it involved understanding rules and regulations and coordinating with more than 10 agencies to ensure the correct paperwork," Col. Shankar said.

Man detained for throwing liquid on AAP chief Kejriwal

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A man threw liquid on AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal, while he was taking out a padayatra in the Greater Kailash Assembly constituency of South Delhi, on Saturday. A police source said the man has been detained.

Senior Aam Aadmi Party leaders accused the BJP of orchestrating the attack, claiming it reflects the party's desperation ahead of elections.

However, the BJP dismissed the allegations, labelling the incident as a familiar tactic by the AAP.

Static wages causing a slowdown, says Congress

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A day after India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth slowed to 5.4% in the July-to-September quarter, the Congress on Saturday said the country's medium and long-term economic potential was "eroding rapidly".

In a statement, Congress general secretary (communications) Jairam Ramesh asked how long would the government continue to ignore the grim reality of stagnant wages of crores of workers.

Mr. Ramesh said the GDP growth was much worse than anticipated. Apart from that, consumption growth had been unimpressive at 6%.

"The non-biological PM and his cheerleaders are wilfully blind to the causes of this sharp slowdown, but a new report on 'Labour dynamics of Indian States' released by a leading Mumbai-based financial information services company, India Ratings and Research, on Tuesday reveals its real cause: stagnant wages," he said.

The Congress leader pointed out that the report used Periodic Labour Force Survey data to show that the overall real wage growth at the national level had been flat at 0.01% over the past five years. And in some States such as Haryana, Assam and Uttar Pradesh, the workers saw their real wages decline.

Mr. Ramesh said nearly every piece of evidence pointed to the conclusion that "the average Indian can buy less today than they could 10 years ago".

In a separate statement, Mr. Ramesh took a dig at the Modi government over the External Affairs Ministry's statement that the Indian government was not part of the U.S. probe into Adani Group in any manner. Tagging *The Hindu*'s report on his X handle, he said, "The MEA spokesperson says that the Indian government is not part of the U.S. probe into the Adani Group. He has simply stated the obvious. How can this government be part of a probe into itself?"

BJP dares Cong. leaders to resign over EVM row

SC has endorsed transparency of electoral process on many occasions, says party spokesperson; on Bangladesh issue, Bhatia says it is India's duty to raise its voice when minorities are harassed

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Throwing a challenge: BJP leaders Virendra Sachdeva and Gaurav Bhatia at a press conference in New Delhi on Saturday. PTI

The Bharatiya Janata Party on Saturday slammed the Congress for questioning the electoral process, saying its Chief Ministers and other elected representatives, such as Rahul Gandhi, should resign and declare that they would contest elections only after ballot papers are reintroduced.

"You want elections on ballot papers. First of all, Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, Revanth Reddy and Siddaramaiah should resign. They should say they were elected through EVMs, which is full of scandals, and that they will not take part in the electoral process till the ballot papers are introduced," BJP spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia said.

He said such a stand would underscore the Congress's trust in the issues raised by its leaders, adding the allegations would otherwise be "empty words".

Mr. Bhatia said the Supreme Court had on multiple occasions endorsed the transparency of the electoral process and the integrity of electoral voting machines (EVMs). He said the voter verifiable paper audit trail (VVPAT) had a 100% record in matching the votes cast on EVMs.

The BJP leader said it was ironic that Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge questioned EVMs on a day Priyanka Gandhi Vadra took oath as a Lok Sabha member.

'Strong voice'

Speaking on the targeting of Hindu minorities in Bangladesh, the BJP spokesperson reiterated the stand of the Indian government, that of protecting the rights of minorities, and expressed confidence that India's "strong voice" coud not be ignored. Mr. Bhatia said that as the world's largest democracy, it is India's duty to raise its voice when minorities are harassed anywhere.

On the Sambhal violence, he accused Samajwadi Party leader and former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav of acting as a "shield" for rioters, and alleged that the party's members, including MPs, were involved in instigating violence rather than showing commitment to the restoration of peace.

Targeting the SP, Mr. Bhatia alleged that riots frequently broke out in Uttar Pradesh when the party ruled the State.

The BJP's reaction came after Mr. Yadav accused the ruling party in Uttar Pradesh of orchestrating violence in Sambhal where protesters opposing a court-ordered survey of a mosque clashed with the police last Sunday.

New Maharashtra CM to take charge on Dec. 5, PM to attend swearing-in: BJP

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Suspense continues: Devendra Fadnavis, right, who is considered the frontrunner for the CM post, with Eknath Shinde. FILE PHOTO

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be in Mumbai on December 5 for the swearing-in ceremony of a new Mahayuti government. The ceremony will be held at Azad Maidan in South Mumbai at 5 p.m., BJP State president Chandrashekhar Bawankule announced on Saturday.

"The wait of the people of Maharashtra for the government formation process has ended. I congratulate the people of Maharashtra. The Mahayuti has received a historic mandate, which was never seen in the history of Maharashtra," he said, even as speculation over the name for the Chief Minister's position continued.

NCP leader Ajit Pawar said the formula for the Mahayuti government was decided at a meeting with senior BJP leader Amit Shah. "There will be one Chief Minister, who will be from the BJP and two Deputy Chief Ministers from the allies," he told pressmen in Pune.

Asked about the delay in government formation, he said it was not the first time that there was a delay. "In the year 1999, it took over a month for the government formation," he said.

Discussions on

Interestingly, there has been no official announcement yet about the Chief Minister. Key discussions continued in the BJP on Saturday.

Sources said that Shiv Sena leader Eknath Shinde had sought the Home Ministry portfolio for the Shiv Sena. "But the negotiations for Cabinet distribution have not yet taken place. That will happen only after the BJP decides its face. We are waiting for it. There is no doubt we will want some key portfolios, including the Home Department," a Sena leader told *The Hindu*.

A long road from beneficiaries to candidates

NEWS ANALYSIS

Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI

Fixing gender gaps: Women showing their ink-marked fingers after casting their votes in Maharashtra Assembly elections. ANI

Women voters have emerged as a key bloc in the Assembly elections in States such as Bihar, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Jharkhand. Many direct benefit transfer schemes specifically targeted at them have created a vote category of women beneficiaries over and above caste and community considerations.

But with few women candidates contesting these elections and even fewer emerging victorious, are women meant to be just beneficiaries and not representatives?

In Madhya Pradesh, the BJP is said to have won the 2023 election due to the Ladli Behena income support scheme. However, the number of women MLAs went down from 30 out of 230 seats in 2013 to 27. In Maharashtra, despite the Laadki Bahin scheme being a talking point during the campaign, the number of women MLAs saw a decline from 24 in 2019 to 21. Clearly, women as a voting category are on a high, but that has not translated to getting a seat at the decision-making table.

Political scientists and politicians, however, are finding hope in the Women's Reservation Act, 2023. According to political scientist Ashwani Kumar, whose forthcoming book *Last Mile Welfare in India* tackles just such a subject, the rise of women as beneficiaries and a category of voter that subsumes other categories, only means "from a standard economic perspective, we can't predict women empowerment and representation in India".

"Unlike Mandal reservations and the BJP's non-Yadav OBC (Other Backward Classes) politics or Mandal 2.0, representation of women is being negotiated through universal and secular maternal welfare benefits. Thus, once the Women's Reservation Act, 2023 mandating 33% reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and Assemblies is implemented, I expect a kind of Keynesian social multiplier effects of maternal social welfare in India in terms of women's representation," he said.

Vinay Sahasrabuddhe, BJP leader and former Rajya Sabha member, is of the view that direct benefit transfers to women are not "entitlements" but "empowerment", and that "assertions will rise because of it, women will seek greater participation on the back of this empowerment".

He added that the Women's Reservation Act would help bridge the gap between women as having represented citizenship as a vote category to becoming representatives in Houses of Legislature.

For all this, however, capacity building within parties for women politicians is required, as is a decision from the top on giving ticket to contest as well, which, in a highly competitive environment such as electoral politics, is a tough proposition.

Mr. Sahasrabuddhe has termed reservations for women in electoral bodies "State-sponsored feminism", but the prescription for flooding our legislatures with women requires just that – for women to go from beneficiaries of State benefits to lawmakers.

Maharashtra election saw misuse of power and money: Pawar

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Nationalist Congress Party (NCP-SP) supremo Sharad Pawar said on Saturday that there was growing discontent among the people of Maharashtra over the outcome of the recent Assembly election.

He was speaking in Pune after meeting veteran social activist Baba Adhav, who was on a hunger strike alleging rampant corruption in the election.

'People should revolt'

Calling Mr. Adhav's agitation a "hope" for the common people, Mr. Pawar said: "This Assembly election was marred by the misuse of power and money; there is a need for people to join the cause. Irregularities are common in local elections, but never seen in State elections."

"Those in power have attacked the democratic system. People need to revolt and Baba's strike is significant," he added.

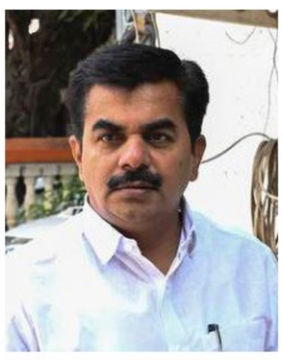
Mr. Adhav got support from top leaders across parties, including Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray and NCP leader Jayant Patil. They met the 95-year-old activist on Saturday, and urged him to end the hunger strike.

On Saturday evening, Mr. Adhav formally ended his three-day fast.

NCP chief Ajit Pawar also met Mr. Adhav and explained to him that the Mahayuti had no control over the Election Commission, and the result was the public's verdict.

'Horses for courses': Cong. wins Nanded LS seat, but Mahayuti bags all its Assembly segments

T. Ramakrishnan
CHENNAI


Ravindra Chavan

In a classic example of voters taking a "horses for courses" stand at the polling booth, a number of voters across Nanded in Maharashtra split their votes earlier this month, choosing the candidate of one party for the Lok Sabha byelection and the nominee of another for the Assembly seat.

As a result, Ravindra Chavan of the Congress became the MP for Nanded, even as the BJP-led Mahayuti bagged all six Assembly seats within the Lok Sabha constituency.

'Smart choices'

Such divergence of voter preferences shows that people are "smart enough to choose different candidates" for different polls, Maharashtra Chief Electoral Officer S. Chockalingam said on Friday, noting that a similar pattern of voting has been witnessed elsewhere as well.

Answering a question on Nanded during a Facebook chat moderated by Vinaya Deshpande Pandit, Chief of Bureau, *The Hindu*', Mumbai, on Friday, Mr. Chockalingam said he did not want to get into the "realm of conjecture" behind the pattern of voting.

Mr. Chavan bagged the seat by defeating his nearest rival, Santukrao Hambarde, of the BJP, by a narrow margin of 1,457 votes. Mr. Chavan polled 5,86,788 votes, while Mr. Hambarde got 5,85,331.

As part of the Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi, the Congress fielded its nominees for all six Assembly seats in Nanded, where they garnered a total of 4,27,465 votes, 1.59 lakh fewer than what Mr. Chavan got. From the ruling Mahayuti, the BJP fielded candidates in four seats, and the Shiv Sena in the remaining two seats. Cumulatively, the Mahayuti candidates got 6,12,782 votes, or 27,451 more than the losing BJP candidate in the Lok Sabha byelection.

The significant number of votes garnered by smaller players was among the factors behind the Congress's loss in the Assembly election in the district.

The District Collector and Electoral Officer, Abhijit Raut, recalled that a similar pattern was seen six months ago during the Lok Sabha election, when Andhra Pradesh had held a simultaneous Assembly election.

YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) candidate Maddila Gurumoorthy won the Tirupati Lok Sabha seat, but the party lost all the seven Assembly seats falling under the parliamentary constituency to the Telugu Desam Party-BJP-Jana Sena Party combine.

RSS demands immediate release of ISKCON priest

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale on Saturday said atrocities being committed against Hindus and other religious minorities in Bangladesh by "Islamic extremists" are alarming and these must stop immediately.

Mr. Hosabale, in a statement, said instead of taking steps to stop these incidents, the current Bangladesh government and other agencies remained mute spectators. When Bangladeshi Hindus raised their voice democratically, a new phase of injustice and oppression emerged to suppress their voice, he said.

"Bangladesh government arresting the ISKCON priest Chinmoy Krishna Das, who was leading one of such peaceful protests of Hindus, is unfair," he said.

The RSS urged the Bangladesh government to immediately stop the atrocities against Hindus and release Mr. Das from prison.

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INBRIEF

Over 150 two-wheelers gutted at railway station in Varanasi

Over 150 two-wheelers were destroyed in a fire that broke out at a parking stand in Varanasi's cantonment railway station, officials said on Saturday. There were no reports of any casualties. The incident took place on Friday night when the fire erupted at the parking stand near Platform One, according to railway officials. Upon receiving information about the incident, teams from the Railway Protection Force (RPF) and Government Railway Police (GRP), along with the fire department, rushed to the spot to douse the flames, they said. The blaze was brought under control but over 150 vehicles were reduced to ashes, they added. PTI

SOP for feeding stray dogs in municipal areas of Bengal

The Department of Urban Development and Municipal Affairs of the Government of West Bengal has issued a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for feeding stray dogs, applicable to all municipal areas of the State. According to this SOP, community dog feeders would have to limit their activities to places away from children's play areas, and crowded places such as walking tracks. Feeding of the community dogs has to be done only in the 'designated areas' within a 'specific time period' in two slots that may be before 7 a.m. and after 7 p.m. for a minimum of two hours each, as specified by the Municipal Corporation, it reads.

NMC issues notice to medical colleges on stipend data

The National Medical Commission (NMC) has issued a show-cause notice to medical colleges for failing to submit details about the stipend paid to interns/residents. The notice, issued recently, has been sent to deans and principals of 115 government medical colleges and 83 private medical colleges. Government colleges on the list include Maulana Azad Medical College, Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Medical Sciences, Dr. RML Hospital and Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar Medical College. The NMC has asked why penal action should not be taken against the erring institutes and released a list of colleges that have not declared the details about the stipend.

'Freeze NRC and eviction issues for peace in Manipur'

Contentious issues, including the National Register of Citizens (NRC), Scheduled Tribe (ST) status for Meiteis, and eviction drives in the hill districts, must be frozen temporarily to give peace a chance, a new think tank said in its analysis of the situation in ethnic conflict-scarred Manipur. The Nongthombam Biren Singh government's push for the NRC to detect and deport "illegal migrants" from Myanmar; the demand for declaring Meiteis as STs like the two other ethnic groups – Kukis and Nagas – in the State; and drives against alleged encroachers of protected areas, are said to have been triggers for the ongoing ethnic violence in Manipur.

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Seed Congress resolves to promote biofortified crops

The meeting also discussed climate-resilient practices to minimise the input costs involved in farming and importance of policy frameworks in the seeds sector, including a new Seeds Bill

A.M. Jigeesh
VARANASI

Scientists, policymakers and industry representatives who participated in the 13th edition of the three-day National Seed Congress (NSC), which concluded here on Saturday, resolved to work more on innovative seed technologies for farmers in the country. The focus will be on hybrid and biofortified crops, stress-tolerant varieties, and accelerated breeding cycles.

The meeting also discussed climate-resilient practices, including direct seeded rice and zero tillage, to minimise the input costs involved in farming. The NSC also deliberated on the importance of policy frameworks in the seeds sector, including a new Seeds Bill, and enhancing seed entrepreneurship, improving supply chains, and building capacity among farmers. The meeting prescribed public-private partnerships in the sector to promote sustainable seed production and distribution.

The theme of this year's NSC is "Innovating for a sustainable seed ecosystem", and more than 700 delegates from India and abroad participated in the discussions.

Way forward: Scientists and policymakers have sought more focus on hybrid and biofortified crops, stress-tolerant varieties, and accelerated breeding cycles to improve productivity. FILE PHOTO

At the closing ceremony, Dinesh Pratap Singh, Uttar Pradesh Minister of State for Horticulture, Agriculture Marketing, Agriculture Foreign Trade, and Agriculture Export, said the deliberations and recommendations from the NSC would act as a blueprint for strengthening U.P.'s seed systems, and make the State a hub for quality seed production.

"With the right strategies, we can empower farmers by providing them access to better quality seeds, including hybrids, biofortified crops, and vegetable seeds, which will boost productivity and profitability," he said, adding that discussions on developing seed parks, enhancing public-private partnerships, and empowering farmers as seed entrepreneurs were encouraging. "The outcomes of these deliberations will be implemented with the full support of the State government to ensure food security, economic growth, and the welfare of our farmers," he said.

Yvonne Pinto, Director General of the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), said the challenges posed by climate change, malnutrition, and food insecurity required collective action, and events such as the NSC provided the foundation for transformative solutions.

The event was jointly organised by the Union Agriculture Ministry and the IRRI. Dr. Pinto said the integration of biofortified rice into school nutrition programmes, the promotion of hybrid varieties, and the adoption of climate-resilient practices were steps in the right direction.

Expedite higher pension payments, workers urge Centre

EPFO issued pension payment orders to just 16,282 of the 17 lakh subscribers who chose higher pension

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Cutting across political boundaries, employees' representatives on the Central Board of Trustees (CBT) of the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) attacked the EPFO authorities for not implementing the Supreme Court's verdict on higher pension even after two years.

In a note submitted to the CBT meeting held here on Saturday, the EPFO said it had issued pension payment orders to just 16,282 of the 17,48,775 subscribers of the Employees Pension Scheme who opted for higher pension. The EPFO said it had rejected 2,60,352 applications.

Minister's assurance

Trade union representatives R. Karumalaiyan of the CITU and S.Mallesham of the BMS raised the issue in the meeting. Union Labour Minister and CBT Chairman Mansukh Mandaviya asked the officers present to expedite the processing of the applications for higher pension. He assured the trade union leaders that strict action would be taken against officers who slow down the process. Mr. Karumalaiyan also raised the issue of increasing minimum PF pension, to which the Minister said the Centre was considering various options on this proposal.

The EPFO said in a status note on the implementation of the November 2022 Supreme Court verdict, a copy of which is with *The Hindu*, that pension was being calculated in the same manner as done for normal pensioners or those contributing up to the wage ceiling.

The CBT members had questioned the proposal to calculate the pension on a *pro rata* basis. The EPFO said there was "no separate formula in the EPS 1995 for members who will be eligible for pension on higher wages in compliance with the directions of the Supreme Court. Therefore, the same methodology of *pro-rata* determination of pensionable salary, taking average monthly pay drawn in the span of 60 months preceding the date of exit from the membership of the pension fund for post September 1, 2014 retirees, will be utilised for calculation of pension on higher wages."

PM to inaugurate festival to celebrate culture, economy of eight northeastern States

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the "Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav, 2024", a three-day festival beginning December 6 at the Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi to showcase the cultural, social, and economic fabric of the eight northeastern States.

Union Minister for the Development of North Eastern Region Jyotiraditya Scindia said the festival would provide an unprecedented platform for the region's vibrant textile industry, artisanal crafts, and Geographical Indication (GI) products.

'Ashtalakshmi' States

Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur, Nagaland, Mizoram, Tripura, and Sikkim are also referred to as "Ashtalakshmi" or eight forms of prosperity. "They contribute significantly to India's cultural, social, and economic fabric. The event will foster long-term business relationships between the northeast's artisans and buyers, and is expected to generate a large volume of on-spot sales and many bulk orders," the Minister said.

Narendra Modi

At the curtain-raiser event for the 'Mahotsav', Mr. Scindia highlighted the importance of the northeast in India's future development, aligning with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision. "It is the PM's vision that the engine for the growth of India should be the northeast region. The eight avatars of Lakshmi – prosperity, opulence, purity, wealth, knowledge, duty, agriculture, animal husbandry – represent the essence of the northeast," he said.

Mr. Scindia said the Ministry had set up five task forces to analyse and improve the value chain of local products, ensuring that farmers and artisans maximised their economic potential.

"The possibilities in the northeast are massive, whether it's bamboo, rubber, or other local products. We are working to connect these with the rest of the country and the world," the Minister said.

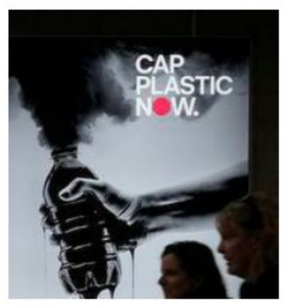
Nations fear deadlock at plastic pollution talks

Agence France-Presse
BUSAN

Diplomats warned on Saturday that a majority of countries could walk away from talks on the world's first plastic pollution agreement if a handful of delegations continue resisting calls to compromise.

Nearly 200 countries are in South Korea's Busan for negotiations on a deal to curb plastic pollution. However, efforts to reach the landmark agreement are locked over several key sticking points, particularly reducing production and phasing out chemicals believed or known to harm human health.

Over 100 countries back those measures and insist that a treaty without them will fail to solve the pollution crisis. Yet, around a dozen nations – mostly producers of plastic precursors derived from fossil fuels – are strongly opposed. As a result, just a day before talks are supposed to end, the draft text remains full of opposing views and contradictory language.



"The overwhelming majority of delegates here demand an ambitious treaty," said Panama's delegation head Juan Carlos Monterrey Gomez. "If the reduction of production is not there, there is no treaty... We cannot let a few loud voices derail the process," he added.

A diplomat from the High Ambition Coalition, which groups dozens of countries seeking a strong deal, echoed that sentiment.

"We are a large group uniting around key effective elements, and getting ready to walk away," he told *AFP*, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss closed-door deliberations. He warned that "some countries" were actively considering calling a vote, which would circumvent the UN's traditional approach of agreement by consensus and could "raise a lot of eyebrows."

It was a possibility being increasingly discussed as a "last resort", said the Democratic Republic of Congo's J.M. Bope Bope Lapwong.

"I think that if we can't reach an agreement, we'll be obliged to go to a vote. We cannot come all this way, all these kilometres, to fail," he said.More than 90% of plastic is not recycled, while plastic production is expected to triple by 2060.

Parliament should focus on pressing issues: BSP

The Hindu Bureau
LUCKNOW

Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) president Mayawati on Saturday said that the ruling BJP and the Opposition should ensure that the Winter Session of Parliament focuses on the country's pressing problems rather than partisan clashes. She targeted the BJP for allegedly diverting people's attention from the fundamental issues by using divisive tactics similar to the previous Congress governments. "The BJP forgets promises made during the elections once it attains power, leaving the fundamental issues unresolved," she said.

Nirmala Sitharaman urges women to join Central schemes and be self-reliant

The Hindu Bureau
PATNA

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday distributed loans amounting to ₹1,121 crore to 50,294 beneficiaries during the Credit Outreach Programme in Madhubani district of Bihar.

Addressing the gathering at Lalit Karpoori Stadium in Jhanjharpur, Ms. Sitharaman said women would play an important role in achieving the goal of a developed India by 2047. She said the government had started the Drone Didi scheme for self-help groups, which would help in making *Lakhpati didis*, an SHG member, whose annual household income is more than ₹1 lakh. "The Prime Minister's dream is that India's development should be led by women," she said.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman with artisans specialising in Mithila paintings and terracotta in Madhubani on Saturday. ANI

"Prime Minister Narendra ji says that there should be a *Lakhpati didi* in every village of the country. For this, the banks are doing whatever work they have to do. Women are being given financial assistance and training through every self-help groups. I request everyone to become part of the schemes launched by the Government of India through the banks and take advantage of them so that everyone can become more capable," Ms. Sitharaman said.

Varied fields

The schemes under which loan sanction letters were issued include PM MUDRA, PMEGP, Kisan Credit Card (Crop), KCC (Animal Husbandry & Fisheries), Stand Up India, PM-SVA-Nidhi and PM Vishwakarma.

Apart from these, loan sanction letters for retail sector, MSMEs, SHGs and farmers were disbursed.

The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development and the Small Industries Development Bank of India announced approval of more than ₹155.84 crore and ₹75.52 lakh, respectively, for various rural road projects.

India Art Fair cancels its Mumbai show

Nidhi Gupta

The India Art Fair, New Delhi, has cancelled its Mumbai fair planned for November 2025. The cover story of *The Hindu Magazine* has reported about this fair coinciding with a similar event, Art Mumbai.

Confirming the cancellation, its director, Jaya Asokan, said they had decided to rethink "what Mumbai needs and what we want to do there". A section of the art community has been concerned about IAF Contemporary being held at the same time as Art Mumbai next November. India Art Fair's commitment remains to prioritise the needs of galleries and artists from the region, she said.

INBRIEF

China factory activity expands for second straight month

China's factory activity expanded modestly for a second straight month in November, an official survey showed on Saturday, adding to a string of recent data suggesting a blitz of stimulus is finally trickling through the world's second-largest economy. The National Bureau of Statistics purchasing managers' index (PMI) on Saturday rose to 50.3 – a seven-month high – from 50.1 in October, above the 50-mark separating growth from contraction. REUTERS

TVS Motor to add 39.11% stake in two-wheeler seller DriveX

TVS Motor Company (TVSM) agreed to acquire a further 39.11% stake from existing shareholders of DriveX Mobility Pvt. Ltd. for cash consideration of ₹97.78 crore. With this acquisition, TVSM's stake will rise to 87.38% and consequently, the Narain Karthikeyan-backed firm will become a subsidiary, TVSM said. TVSM now holds 48.27% stake. DriveX, engaged in two-wheeler trading and distribution, generated a turnover of ₹34 crore in 2023-24 with a loss after tax of ₹31 crore.

Malls, high street retail space demand up 5% in Jan-Sept.

Leasing of retail space in shopping malls and prominent high streets rose nearly 5% during January-September this year across eight major cities, as per Cushman & Wakefield. As per the realty consultant's data, the leasing of retail space in Grade-A malls and main high streets across Delhi-NCR, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Pune and Ahmedabad was 5.53 million sq. ft. in January-September versus 5.29 million sq. ft. in the previous year. PTI

'Our goal is to become the finest healthcare entity'

The combined valuation after the merger with Quality Care, is over $5 billion which is ₹43,000 crore in enterprise value, says Aster DM Healthcare deputy managing director Alisha Moopen

INTERVIEW

Alisha Moopen

Lalatendu Mishra

Aster DM Healthcare Ltd. and Quality Care India Ltd., backed by private equity majors Blackstone and TPG, announced a merger on Friday, with the combined listed entity named Aster DM Quality Care Ltd. This creates one of India's top three hospital chains in revenue and bed capacity terms. Alisha Moopen, deputy managing director of Aster DM, outlines her vision. Edited excerpts:

What drove the merger?

Last year, we had done the segregation of the GCC business of Aster from the India business. The whole idea was to make sure that we are focusing entirely on India. And, we wanted to build up the India business. And that was the strategy for the public-listed entity. Now, there are a few ways we could do it.

We can either build it organically by adding beds, which we were doing anyways. But, it would take us 15, 20 years to be one of the country's top three.

We spoke about having a private equity sponsor to come and help accelerate and build a platform. But again, same thing. We also started exploring the option of having sponsor-backed platform where there is a sponsor, who has a platform which is complementary to Aster's.

And this is not easy to find. And, we started evaluating a few options. And we came across Blackstone's platform, which had Quality Care which is very similarly sized to Aster with close to 5,000 beds, a sort of micro-market leadership, tier two, tier three leadership.

We said this actually is a great complementary platform to ours. There is synergy, there is a compelling reason for us to combine forces having a partner like Blackstone to come alongside with us who truly believes in healthcare.

When you look at healthcare rankings, we are always in the top five. And the market has also appreciated the way we have performed as a segregated business. So, combining these, we felt there is a lot of benefits.

We get scale. We will get the economies of scale. There are synergies at play. So definitely from a patient point of view, there is benefit from a medical community and a doctor franchise, there is a benefit. And then when we looked at it financially, from a commercial standpoint, also, we felt there are a lot of synergies that will unlock huge value and leverage for us. So it was felt that it was compelling enough to go ahead and ink this merger and create, one of the largest healthcare transactions globally this year.

What will be the brand architecture?

Aster operates entirely with the Aster network. With the Blackstone portfolio, they have got a few brands that have kind of consolidated. One is KimsHealth, which is largely in Kerala. There is the CARE Hospital Platform, which started in Hyderabad. There is the CARE Platform, which is largely in Central India. And there's the Evercare Platform as well. So, it's three different brands and the Aster brand coming together.

What is the swap ratio and the additional financial investment required to complete the project pipeline?

The valuation of the combined entity takes us to over $5 billion which is ₹43,000 crore in enterprise valuation. The swap ratio is 57.3% to Aster shareholders and 42.7% to Blackstone and their shareholders. If you further drill down we will have 24% shareholding with my father Dr. Azad Moopen being the executive chairman on the board of the merged entity and Blackstone will have 30.7% shareholding.

So, Aster as the public company is valued at 36.6 multiple, which is at a 45% premium to what we are acquiring the Quality Care platform at which really shows the clinical leadership, the infrastructure and the great market performance Aster has delivered over last five years.

Dolby aims to amp up Indian cars' acoustics

N. Anand
CHENNAI

The Indian car market offers huge opportunity, says Javier Foncillas. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Having successfully penetrated into the Chinese automobile sector within a short duration, audio major Dolby is betting big on the Indian market to replicate its success story, according to a top executive.

Till date, about 16 well-known global carmakers had integrated Dolby Atmos audio systems into their ICE and EV cars while Mahindra & Mahindra happens to be the 17th partner.

Though Dolby had scripted success stories in many countries globally, it is yet to set foot in Japan.

"Today, our biggest market is China because of a number of brands we sell. In China, we are associated with around 10 carmakers. This is the first time, we are entering India car market and it offers huge opportunity," said Dolby Global VP for commercial partnerships Javier Foncillas during an interaction.

Alliance with M&M

Dolby Laboratories earlier announced its maiden foray into the Indian auto sector by forging an alliance with M&M.

Thus M&M became the first Indian car maker to integrate Dolby immersive audio technology (Dolby Atmos) into its Electric SUVs BE 6e and XEV 9e.

The EVs will have 16 hi-performance speakers. The centre and rear surround speakers are designed with a tweeter and mid-woofer driver.

There is also a sub-woofer with four speaker drivers in the ceiling.

Stating the firm had touched one million installations recently and hope to double it with the help of Indian OEMs, he said, "We are in talks with other Indian car manufacturers too and the announcement will be made soon. We are also trying to fit Dolby into other Mahindra models."

However, he was not willing to provide details.

Premium offerings

For years, Dolby Laboratories have been providing cutting-edge audio experiences in movies, high end home theatres, headphones, earphones, PCs and tablets. Now, it is being extended to premium and high-end cars. "Our ambition is to bring to all the car brands," he said.

"We wanted to have the world's best speaker system and that why we chose Dolby Atmos," said an M&M official.

Bank of India and Punjab National Bank hike MCLR

N. Ravikumar
HYDERABAD

Public sector lenders Punjab National Bank (PNB) and Bank of India (BOI) have raised the marginal cost of funds based lending rate (MCLR) by 5 basis points across tenors and for two tenors respectively, effective from December 1.

One basis point equals 0.01%. PNB is raising its benchmark one-month MCLR from 8.40% to 8.45% and three months to 8.65% from 8.60%. BOI said the MCLR for one month tenor will rise to 8.45% (8.40%) and three months to 8.60% (8.55%). This would impact consumer loans.

Tata firms start vehicle scrapping facility in Pune

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

The new facility is equipped to scrap passenger and commercial vehicles of all brands

Tata Motor and Tata International, the global trading and distribution arm of the Tata Group, on Saturday inaugurated a new registered vehicle scrapping facility (RVSF) in Pune named 'Re.Wi.Re - Recycle with Respect'.

This facility has an annual capacity to disassemble 21,000 scrapped vehicles with environmentally-friendly processes.

The RVSF is operated by Tata International Vehicle Applications (TIVA), a wholly owned subsidiary of Tata International and is equipped to scrap passenger and commercial vehicles of all brands.

"Re.Wi.Re represents our commitment to creating a circular economy, leveraging advanced recycling processes that not only extract maximum value from end-of-life vehicles but also contribute to our nation's sustainability goals," said Girish Wagh, ED, Tata Motors.

Hinduja Tech wraps up Tecosim acquisition

N. Anand
CHENNAI

Hinduja Tech Ltd., has completed the acquisition of Tecosim Group, a leading European engineering services provider.

This acquisition, expanding its presence in the European market, marks a significant milestone for Hinduja Tech, taking a decisive step towards its vision to be among the top 10 global mobility engineering and R&D companies, said Hinduja Tech.

Hinduja Tech would leverage its enhanced capabilities to address the automotive industry's complex challenges, it added.

Skylark partners Fortinet to unveil cybersecurity centre of excellence

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Securing IT: The CoE was opened by Jose Prakash, Vivek Srivastava and Skylark Tech MD S. Kumar. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Global IT services provider Skylark Information Technologies in partnership with Fortinet opened 'India's first' Operational Technology (OT) Centre of Excellence (CoE) here.

The CoE, inaugurated by Fortinet country manager India & SAARC Vivek Srivastava, will showcase cutting-edge security solutions tailored for operational technology environments.

"This advanced lab is set up to support digital transformation journeys across industries such as manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, logistics, utilities, healthcare, and critical infrastructure such as power, oil and gas, and transportation, all of which face distinct cybersecurity challenges as they integrate OT with IT systems," said Skylark Information Technologies ED Jose Prakash.

He also said the collaboration brings a strategic advantage to India's OT security landscape with an OT-specific lab that reduces complexities and enables accessible and frequent demonstrations.

According to him, Skylark can now provide an optimal environment for customers to explore how an integrated cybersecurity platform can mitigate operational risks and support industrial digital transformation efficiency.

"OT customers can walk into our OT Security CoE and simulate real-use cases and we can arrive at proper foolproof security solutions for them.

"Through our partnership with Skylark, we offer a real-world demonstration lab for Fortinet's OT security platform, allowing customers to experience first-hand how our consolidated solution enhances security and simplifies management across OT environments," Mr. Srivastava added.

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Food remains in fossil dung reveal clues to the rise of dinosaur

The Hindu Bureau

An international collaboration has been able to identify undigested food remains, plants and prey in the fossilised faeces of dinosaurs, which helped reconstruct the rise of the dinosaurs to become the dominant players in Earth's ancient ecosystems. The study has been published in the journal *Nature*.

The analyses of hundreds of samples provide clues about the role dinosaurs played in the ecosystem around 200 million years ago. Fossil records show that dinosaurs evolved during the middle part of the Triassic period (247 to 237 million years ago). However, the domination of dinosaurs in terrestrial ecosystems was not seen until approximately 30 million years later, early in the Jurassic period. Many non-dinosaur tetrapods (four-limbed vertebrates) were displaced during this time, but what caused dinosaurs to dominate the ecosystem has remained in question.

The researchers have investigated this transition by reconstructing food webs using over 500 fossilised remains of digestive material (such as faeces or vomit), known as bromalites, from the Polish Basin, which span the Late Triassic to earliest Jurassic. Analyses of these remains (including 3D imaging of their internal structures to reveal undigested food contents) were compared to the existing fossil record, along with climate and plant data, to estimate the changes in size and abundance of vertebrates during this period.

Vegetation changes

These data indicate that non-dinosaur tetrapods were displaced by the omnivorous ancestors of early dinosaurs, who evolved to become the first carnivorous and herbivorous dinosaurs towards the end of the Triassic era. At this point, the authors suggest that environmental changes resulted in substantial vegetation changes that paved the way for an expansion of herbivore ecospace and the replacement of herbivores by larger and more diverse herbivore species ingested food of a broader range, even including burnt plants. This, in turn, led to the evolution of larger carnivorous dinosaurs by the beginning of the Jurassic period, and completed the transition to dinosaur domination within the ecosystem.

The analysis sheds light on the emergence of dinosaur dominance within the ecosystem of the Polish Basin. "We suggest that the processes shown by the Polish data may explain global patterns, shedding new light on the environmentally governed emergence of dinosaur dominance and gigantism that endured until the end-Cretaceous mass extinction," they write. Further research using this method could help to clarify this evolutionary history in other parts of the world.

Emerging H5N1 mutations raise risk of human infections

Genome sequencing identified the PB2-E627K mutation in the British Columbia teenager, which is linked to faster replication in human cells and greater severity of illness, and likely emerged during the infection

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Avian influenza, commonly known as bird flu, is a viral infection primarily affecting birds. A global outbreak of H5N1, a highly pathogenic avian influenza virus, has been spreading across the world since late 2020, driven by a new emerging lineage of the virus – 2.3.4.4b. H5N1 has been a significant concern in global public health due to its potential to cause severe disease in humans and its ability to infect a wide range of hosts, including poultry, wild birds, and mammals. Since its emergence in the late 1990s, the virus has predominantly been an issue for the poultry industry, but sporadic human cases have raised alarms about its pandemic potential. However, recent human cases of H5N1 in British Columbia in Canada and California have increased concerns about the adaptability of the virus and possible mutations that could facilitate human-to-human transmission.

In November 2024, a teenager from Fraser Health, British Columbia was diagnosed with H5N1. This is the first domestically acquired case of human H5N1 infection in Canada. The teenager initially experienced conjunctivitis, fever, and cough, which rapidly progressed to acute respiratory distress syndrome, requiring intensive care. Genomic sequencing revealed that the virus belonged to the 2.3.4.4b clade, genotype D1.1, consistent with strains found in wild birds in the Fraser Valley area and not directly related to outbreaks at poultry farms in British Columbia. The D1.1 is a different genotype than the one that has infected dairy workers in the U.S. and the child in California. Testing of household contacts of the patient, pets, nearby animals, and environmental samples returned negative results for influenza H5 and despite several efforts, health officials were not able to identify the definitive source of the teenager's infection.

In a media briefing, Bonnie Henry, British Columbia's health officer said that the "virus may have evolved after infecting the patient". The reason for suspecting this is because the teenager's symptoms began with conjunctivitis and then rapidly progressed to acute respiratory distress syndrome. Serial samples from the patient have been collected to identify any mutations that may have occurred over the course of the infection.

Inching closer towards human spread

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- This mutation is linked to faster replication in human cells and greater severity of illness

Genomic analysis

While no further cases were detected, genomic analysis of the viral isolate identified mutations in the virus that are potentially linked to increased adaptation to human hosts, including enhanced cell-receptor binding and deeper lung penetration. Genome sequencing identified the PB2-E627K mutation in the sample, which is linked to faster replication in human cells and greater severity of illness, and likely emerged during the infection. These findings raise concerns about the potential of the virus to cause more severe respiratory illness in humans. However, there is currently no evidence that the H5N1 virus infecting the teenager in Canada has been transmitted to other people.

Concurrently, the U.S. CDC confirmed the first human case of H5N1 avian influenza in a child from Alameda County, California. The child experienced mild respiratory symptoms and is recovering after antiviral treatment. Health officials have found no evidence of human-to-human transmission, as family members tested negative for the virus. Although over 50 cases of human H5N1 infections have been reported from the U.S. in 2024, this patient is the second child in North America to be infected with H5N1.

The two cases are particularly concerning because their transmission routes differ significantly from the other cases of H5N1 that have been reported from North America in 2024. Previous infections primarily involved people who were in close contact with infected birds, including dairy or poultry farm workers. According to the CDC, human H5N1 infections without a clear link to exposure to affected animals are rare and have predominantly been reported in other countries. These recent cases, therefore, underscore the importance of understanding the virus's evolving genomic characteristics, which may allow it to bypass traditional transmission barriers. Researchers are particularly vigilant for mutations that could enable the virus to spread more easily among humans, as such changes could pose a significant public health risk.

While these findings underscore the urgent need for understanding and addressing the evolving epidemiology of the H5N1 virus, they also highlight the need for increased surveillance and targeted public health interventions to control the virus's spread. Continued genomic surveillance of the virus will be critical to tracking its evolution, understanding mutation patterns, and assessing its potential to adapt and spread more effectively among human populations. Such efforts are essential to guide prevention strategies and mitigate the risk of a potential H5N1 pandemic.

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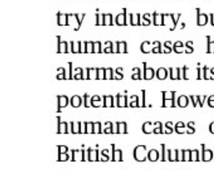
Loud noise and the heavy toll on ears



SPEAKING OF SCIENCE
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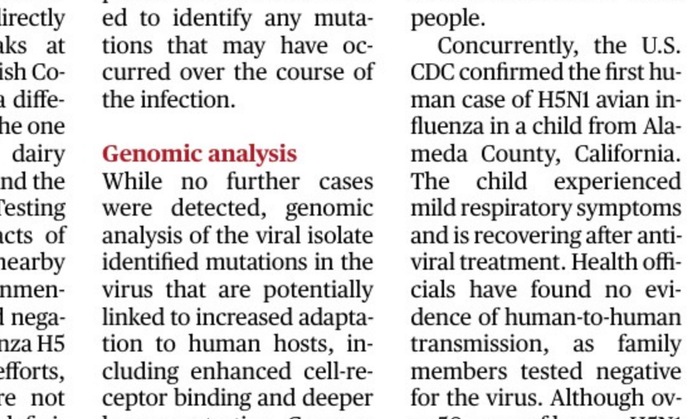
The festival of Deepavali is behind us now. All our festivals bring us joy, and the festival of light is also accompanied by a great deal of sound. There are pleas for the use of green crackers to bring down harmful emissions such as sulfur dioxide, and to reduce the noise created when they are ignited. These have been mandated by the Supreme Court, with detailed specifications such as a ban on the manufacture and sale of firecrackers that are joined into long rows. But every passing year, their loud sounds continue to be heard in festival seasons.

Public attention is focused on the resultant air pollution, but of equal concern is the damage that very loud sounds can do to our hearing. Going beyond firecrackers, the year-round noise levels also get less attention than other forms of pollution. It is as if noise is more easily accepted as part of our surroundings, and acceptance is even easier when you are yourself creating the noise.

Sound travels in waves that carry energy. The more energy, the more intense the wave, and the louder the sound. The decibel scale is used to measure the loudness of sound. It is a logarithmic scale, so when the sound level is measured to have risen by10 dB, the sound is ten times more intense. On the decibel scale, the threshold of human hearing is set at 0 dB. A whisper measures 30 dB, and normal speech is 60 dB. A loud firecracker, measured from 10 feet away, has an intensity of 140 dB. This can easily damage the hair cells in the cochlea of the ear, which receive vibrations from the eardrum and convert them to nerve signals. Damage to these hair cells makes them less sensitive to sound. As a result, louder sounds are required before a hair cell can respond and nerve impulses are sent to the brain. The hair cells can recover somewhat from moderately loud sounds. However, unlike our skin cells, these cells are incapable of regeneration. Repeated assaults can make recovery difficult, resulting in noise-induced hearing loss.



Hard to hear: A loud firecracker, measured from 10 feet away, has an intensity of 140 dB. FILE PHOTO

Loud bangs are a serious hazard for the sensitive ears of young children, because even moderate hearing loss can impair their ability to learn. The acoustic trauma of overexposure to noise often leads to tinnitus, a ringing in your ears. This 'sound' is a sign of anomalous electrical activity from damaged hair cells. The ringing usually subsides, but prolonged exposure to noise events can make it a permanent feature of your life. Of course, tinnitus can also be present in the elderly, arising from age-related wear-and-tear.

Occupational noise

Long exposures to moderate-intensity sound levels can lead to hearing loss as surely as loud bangs will. Road traffic in Indian cities has been measured to range from 60 to 102 dB in a day. A 2008 study in the *Indian Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine* on Hyderabad city traffic policemen with five years of service has found varying degrees of hearing loss in all of them, as reported by Subroto Nandi and Sarang Dhatrak in their survey of occupational noise in India.

Preventive measures, such as the wearing of earplugs, help reduce the risk of hearing loss. Some professions, such as the construction industry, have been adopting these where required, but the practice needs to be more widespread. Perhaps, even before green crackers prevail, earplugs will someday be a common sight on festival nights.

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SNAPSHOTS

A simple lab-free test helps detect bacteria in fluids

A novel test for bacteria in fluids makes it as easy as observing a colour change to confirm the presence of disease-causing pathogens, promising much easier diagnostic tests. The test uses harmless bacteriophages embedded in a gel to locate target bacteria in a sample of fluid such as lake water, urine, or a container of milk, even in low concentrations. The new process takes just hours, producing results much more quickly than lab cultures, which can take two days to generate results.

Common heart valve disease linked to insulin resistance

A large population study indicates that insulin resistance may be an important risk factor for the development of heart valve disease – aortic stenosis. Data from over 10,100 Finnish men aged 45 to 73 years old, all initially free of aortic stenosis were analysed. After an average follow-up period of 10.8 years, 116 men (1.1%) were diagnosed with aortic stenosis. Several biomarkers related to insulin resistance (fasting insulin, proinsulin, and serum C-peptide) were associated with increased aortic stenosis risk.

Certain HRT tablets linked to heart disease, blood clot risk

Certain hormone replacement therapy (HRT) tablets containing both oestrogen and progestogen are associated with a higher risk of heart disease and rare but serious blood clots known as venous thromboembolism in women around the age of menopause, a study finds. Another HRT tablet was associated with an increased risk of heart diseasebut not blood clots, "highlighting the diverse effects of different hormone combinations," researchers say.

Question Corner

Launching seeds

How does the squirting cucumber squirt?

The squirting cucumber (*Ecballium elaterium*) is named for the ballistic method the species uses to disperse its seeds. When ripe, the fruits detach from the stem and eject the seeds explosively in a high-pressure jet of mucilage. Through mathematical models and by conducting a variety of experiments, researchers have elucidated the key components of the plant's dispersal strategy. In the weeks leading up to seed dispersal, the fruits become highly pressurised due to a build-up of mucilaginous fluid. In the days before dispersal, some of this fluid is redistributed from fruit to stem, making the stem longer, thicker, and stiffer. This causes the fruit to rotate from being nearly vertical to an angle close to 45 degrees, a key element needed for successful seed launch. In the first hundreds of microseconds of ejection, the tip of the stem recoils away from the fruit, causing the fruit to counter-rotate in the opposite direction. Due to the components above, the seeds are ejected with an exit speed and launch angle that depend on their sequence.

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How will bribery charges impact Adani?

What will be the financial implications of the U.S. indictment? Will lenders continue to give out loans to the Group?

Prashanth Perumal

The story so far:

Last week, the U.S. Department of Justice charged two officials of a renewable energy company listed in the U.S. in connection with a bribery scheme allegedly perpetrated by Gautam Adani, chairman of the Adani Group, and his associates including his nephew Sagar Adani. Several officials of an Adani Group company have been accused of bribing government officials in various Indian States to receive business favours.

What followed the revelations?

Shares of various Adani Group companies dropped sharply; they have recovered most of their losses in the last week after Adani Green Energy Ltd. (AGEL) filed its first response to stock exchanges, denying the bribery charges pressed by the American market regulator. The Adani Group has claimed that the allegations of bribery cost the group's listed companies a loss of $55 billion in market value. The conglomerate had notably lost more than $150 billion in market value last year after fraud allegations made by U.S. short-seller Hindenburg Research.

Are lenders likely to review plans?

The latest bribery allegations are likely to make it harder for the Adani Group to raise funds from overseas investors, which means the company may have to rely more on domestic investors for its financing needs. Local lenders, including Indian banks that currently lend to the Adani Group, too may review their exposure to the group. The State Bank of India, which is the largest lender to the Adani Group among Indian banks, is exposed with loans worth ₹33,800 crore. While this represents less than 1% of the bank's total loan book, a *Reuters* report on Thursday contended that SBI has said it will be cautious about disbursals to the Adani Group.

How have rating agencies responded?

Fitch Ratings, Moody's and S&P Global took negative rating actions on Adani firms this week. As *The Hindu* reported, citing governance risks for its rating action, Moody's said there could be a broader credit impact from AGEL's crisis on group firms "given Gautam Adani's prominent role as chairman of each of the rated entities or their parent companies as well as the controlling shareholder." Fitch Ratings also took negative rating actions on the Adani Group's infrastructure entities. S&P Global Ratings lowered its outlook on three Adani Group entities to negative, pointing at risks to funding access following the U.S. indictment.

> The charges against AGEL have raised doubts about the Centre's policy goal of boosting the nation's renewable energy capacity

What are the allegations?

The U.S. DOJ alleges that the AGEL promoter and senior officials paid bribes worth $265 million to officials in Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, and Jammu and Kashmir for the sale of renewable energy produced by AGEL. It is alleged that these bribes were paid so that State power distribution companies (DISCOMS) would purchase eight gigawatts worth of energy from AGEL's renewable energy project. AGEL had won the right to sell renewable energy to interested buyers through the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI), a public sector unit owned by the Centre. It is alleged that DISCOMS were unwilling to purchase power from AGEL due to the high price quoted, and hence bribes were paid by Adani Group officials to prod State government officials to purchase power at prices favourable to the Adani Group. Azure Power Energy Ltd., a New Delhi-headquartered energy company that is listed in the U.S. and whose officials have been indicted for bribery by the DOJ, is also alleged to have colluded with AGEL officials to bribe State officials.

What are the implications?

Allegations against AGEL officials could lead to higher cost of capital for the Group and also affect its profitability. However, the allegations may have no impact if lenders were already implicitly aware of potential corrupt practices and factored this in while making their lending decisions. The charges against AGEL have also raised doubts about the Centre's policy goal of boosting the nation's renewable energy capacity to 500 gigawatts by 2030. The Centre has been prodding State governments to increase renewable energy adoption through Renewable Purchase Obligations which obligate States to purchase a certain minimum amount of their power from renewable energy sources. But State DISCOMS have been reluctant to follow the mandate as they are already financially burdened and lack the infrastructure to source and distribute renewable energy. Some analysts also note that governments often renege on their guarantee to purchase energy from renewable energy companies. Some of the companies resort to illegal means, including bribery, to sell power.

What will be the fallout of Bangladesh events?

Why was Chinmoy Krishna Das arrested? What has been the impact on the ground? Has ISKCON distanced itself from the incidents? How has the Yunus government responded? Will it have an effect on border States?

Kallol Bhattacherjee

The story so far:

On November 25, Chinmoy Krishna Das, spokesperson of the Bangladesh Sammilito Sanatani Jagaran Jote, an umbrella group of minority religious communities, was arrested in Dhaka en route to Chittagong. He was sent to police custody after being charged with sedition over alleged disrespect of the national flag of Bangladesh during a rally on October 25.

What followed the arrest?

Clashes erupted resulting in the death of a government law officer. Communal incidents, including desecration of three temples in the region, were reported as rumours spread that the lawyer was killed by supporters of the Vaishnavite monk. More than 18 individuals have been arrested on charges of rioting and for the murder of the assistant public prosecutor.

What are the charges against Das?

Das is a former leader of Pundarik Dham, a religious centre in Chittagong known for the worship of Sri Krishna and Lord Jagannath. Pundarik is also a centre for the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), and Das was associated with the organisation till recently. He rose into prominence after the fall of the Sheikh Hasina government on August 5, as reports of attacks on the minority communities and Sufi shrines spread. He held three major rallies in Dhaka, Chittagong and Rangpur, delivering fiery speeches in support of minority rights. His stature grew with many political leaders calling on him. The case against him was filed by former local BNP leader Firoze Khan who alleged that during a rally in Chittagong, a saffron flag was raised higher than the Bangladesh national flag, which has been interpreted as an insult.

> Minorities have expressed concern that the Yunus government may drop the word 'secularism' from the Constitution

In rage: Police personnel baton-charge protesting supporters of Chinmoy Krishna Das in Chittagong on November 26. AFP

Who are leaders of minority communities?

Bangladesh has an ancient Hindu and Buddhist population, and in recent decades has also acquired a thriving Christian community. These groups mobilised in the backdrop of years of military rule. When Khaleda Zia became the Prime Minister in 1991, the minorities gathered under the Bangladesh Hindu Bouddho Christian Oikyo Parishad (BHBCOP). According to Monindra Kumar Nath, who is the public face of the group, incidents of discrimination and atrocities against Hindus, Buddhists and other religious communities have been increasing over the years. Despite repeated pleas, neither the Hasina government, nor the governments prior to that, were able to help. This has created a sense of frustration among the younger members of the communities, creating space for leaders like Das.

What is ISKCON Bangladesh's stand?

In a press conference on November 28, the Secretary-General of Bangladesh ISKCON, Charu Chandra Das, said that several activist monks of ISKCON including Chinmoy Krishna Das had been removed from their positions. "It was clearly stated that their actions are not representative of ISKCON," Charu Chandra Das said. He also said that connecting ISKCON as an organisation with the murder of the assistant public prosecutor was "wrong". He said: "We want to make it clear that ISKCON Bangladesh has no involvement in this tragic event."

What is happening in the border States?

ISKCON, which is based in West Bengal's Mayapur, has a large support base in West Bengal, and Tripura, and followers of the organisation have been agitating about the threats to the organisation in Bangladesh. Protesters held a demonstration outside the Bangladesh Assistant High Commission in Agartala, protesting against the attacks on Chakmas in the Chittagong Hill Tracts. On Thursday, a similar but more aggressive scene was witnessed outside the Deputy High Commission of Bangladesh in Kolkata where a large crowd of protesters burnt an effigy of Muhammad Yunus, Chief Adviser of the interim government of Bangladesh.

The communal tension and online exchange between the majority and minority communities have added to concerns about a possible exodus of minority communities of Bangladesh to bordering States.

What has been the government's response?

Mr. Yunus stresses that his government is led by activists and human rights advocates who have a clean record and, are therefore, not part of any plot to discriminate against minority groups. But on the ground, there are often instances of attacks against temples and places of worship. This is partly also happening because the government has not managed to restore law and order and bring agencies under control to maintain peace and harmony in a plural society. The BHBCOP has expressed concern about the Yunus government's intentions, especially because of a push for 'reforms'. As part of constitutional reforms, the Attorney General of the interim government, Md Asaduzzaman, has taken up the validity of the 15th amendment of the Bangladesh Constitution of 2011 that re-inserted 'secularism' in the statute. 'Secularism' was first incorporated in the Bangladesh Constitution in 1972. While arguing the case as part of the Yunus government's reform agenda, Mr. Asaduzzaman drew attention to the demography of the country, saying that "socialism and secularism do not reflect the realities of a nation where 90% of the population is Muslim." These remarks were taken as a sign that the government is keen to dismantle Bangladesh's secular constitution.

What about India-Bangladesh ties?

The interim Yunus government has been widely perceived as a setback for India's Bangladesh policy as Ms. Hasina had warm ties with India. Bangladesh has been critical of the former Prime Minister being harboured on Indian soil, and earlier this week Ms. Hasina made a scathing statement about the Yunus government which was widely publicised. Ms. Hasina's verbal attack blew away the careful silence of the Indian government about her presence in India. India maintains a formal policy of non-intervention in foreign affairs and expects the same from partner countries. But with Ms. Hasina becoming vocal – while in exile in India – has added to India's diplomatic baggage, with sources indicating that it is not in a position to openly support or oppose any of the actions that she may resort to. That apart, many India-backed projects have taken a hit. An Adani Group power project involving export of power generated at its Godda power plant has been placed under review; a consultancy agency will be hired soon to evaluate the feasibility of the project, the interim Bangladesh government has said. The turn of events has added to the interim government's internal problems. It faces an uncertain future as it is well-known that Mr. Yunus and Donald Trump do not share cordial personal ties. That apart, Jamaat-e-Islami, the third largest political formation and an avowed anti-India party that was banned by Ms. Hasina, has become internationally active.

Has Trump's legal storm blown away?

Why have federal charges against the President-elect for attempting to overturn the results of the 2020 election been dropped? What about the other cases? Where does the Supreme Court stand? How long will Trump have immunity? Will this signal a change in his politics?

Narayan Lakshman

The story so far:

In light of the legal immunity afforded to U.S. Presidents for official acts, Department of Justice (DOJ) Special Counsel Jack Smith recently moved to drop the charges against President-elect Donald Trump for attempting to overturn the results of the 2020 election, specifically the criminal charges for encouraging a violent mob to attack the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. Mr. Smith's request was granted by the District Judge hearing the case.

What about the other cases?

The DOJ has also filed motions to drop all federal charges against Mr. Trump that relate to the latter's "mishandling" of classified documents. Two state-level cases against him are also in legal limbo: the election interference case in Georgia has been paused pending a decision by an appeals court; and in the business fraud case in New York involving charges against Mr. Trump for paying off an adult film star for her silence over an alleged affair, his conviction has been indefinitely delayed. While the dropping of these charges marks the official end of Democrats' hopes to hold Mr. Trump liable for several alleged crimes, it remains to be seen as to whether the 45th President will use this clean slate as a springboard to a bipartisan approach to policymaking, or whether it will merely strengthen his hand towards a second innings of the brand of divisive politics that has polarised the electorate of the country in recent years.

> The door to prosecuting Mr. Trump in the future has been left open

Forgive and forget: A man holds a sign saying "Trump wins" in 2021. REUTERS

What are the specific charges against Mr. Trump that have been dropped?

Firstly, regarding the classified documents case, Mr. Trump was first indicted in June 2023 on 37 felony counts "related to mishandling classified documents that he took from the White House to his Florida home." These charges included wilful retention of national defence information, conspiracy to obstruct justice and making false statements. While a Florida judge had earlier dismissed the case and Mr. Smith's office had sought an appeal, those charges are all being dropped now.

In August 2023, Mr. Trump was additionally indicted on four felony charges relating to his attempts to reverse the 2020 election results. These charges included conspiracy to defraud the U.S., conspiracy to obstruct an official proceeding (a reference to the process of certification of the election results by Congress), obstruction of and attempt to obstruct an official proceeding and conspiracy against rights.

What view has the U.S. Supreme Court taken on the subject?

The Supreme Court in July 2024 handed down its first ruling on the subject of presidential immunity when it determined, by an expected 6-3 majority, that former Presidents enjoyed broad immunity from prosecution. At the time, Chief Justice John Roberts wrote for the majority opinion of the court, "Under our constitutional structure of separated powers, the nature of presidential power entitles a former president to absolute immunity from criminal prosecution for actions within his conclusive and preclusive constitutional authority... And he is entitled to at least presumptive immunity from prosecution for all his official acts. There is no immunity for unofficial acts."

The three liberal dissenting judges criticised the ruling as undermining the "core democratic principle that no person is above the law," with Justice Sonia Sotomayor writing that "in every use of official power, the President is now a king above the law" and that the protection afforded to Presidents by the court was "just as bad as it sounds, and it is baseless."

Is Mr. Trump absolved of guilt?

Not necessarily. In her latest ruling on the cases, District Judge Tanya Chutkan said that she was dismissing the election interference charges against Mr. Trump "without prejudice," suggesting that the door to prosecuting Mr. Trump in the future has been left open, specifically after Mr. Trump demits office after his second term, and loses his legal immunity shield. Hinting at the DOJ's view on the matter, Mr. Smith noted that the charges had been dropped because the DOJ "forbids the federal indictment and subsequent criminal prosecution of a sitting President," while adding the decision to not proceed with the indictments and trials was "not based on the merits or strength of the case against the defendant."

Then there are the political views of liberals and progressives, possibly including a majority of the more than 74 million Americans who voted for Mr. Trump's rival, incumbent Vice-President and Democrat candidate Kamala Harris, in the November 5 presidential election. While voter views on Mr. Trump may vary widely in general, polling as recently as six months ago found that nearly three in five Americans (59%) agreed that Mr. Trump was guilty of the 34 felony counts on which he was convicted in the New York case, compared to just 32% who believed he was innocent. Another poll around the same time found that a whopping 50% of respondents thought that Mr. Trump's guilty verdict on all 34 counts in his hush money trial was correct. Similarly, a poll in April this year found that 53% of respondents believed that Mr. Trump committed "serious federal crimes."

Yet the fact that a poll in May 2024 suggested that 67% of voters – including 74% of independents – said that a conviction would make no difference for how they voted in the election offers a deeper insight into the political preferences of voters.

PROFILES

The man behind the surge

Devendra Fadnavis

The BJP leader, with close RSS ties, is credited with sculpting the party's turnaround in Maharashtra, where it won 132 of the 148 seats it contested for the Assembly, a few months after it suffered a setback in the Lok Sabha polls winning just nine out of the 28 seats contested from the State

Vinaya Deshpande Pandit

Mera paani utarta dekh, mere kinare par ghar mat basaa lena. Main samandar hoon, laut kar wapas aaunga'

(Don't settle on my banks, thinking my water has receded. I am an ocean. I will return)

In 2019, after failing to form the government in Maharashtra after a split with Shiv Sena leader Uddhav Thackeray, the BJP's Devendra Fadnavis quoted this couplet on the floor of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly.

The BJP was the single largest party then. After failed attempts to form a government, the BJP sat in Opposition for two and a half years. Uddhav Thackeray had joined hands with Sharad Pawar's Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) and the Congress to form the Maha Vikas Aghadi government, accusing Mr. Fadnavis and Amit Shah of backstabbing him and of going back on their word. The acrimony between Mr. Fadnavis and Uddhav continues till date in Maharashtra politics.

In 2022, after a split in the Shiv Sena under the leadership of Eknath Shinde, which Uddhav blamed on Mr. Fadnavis, the BJP returned to power in Maharashtra. Some time later, the NCP split as well, with the Ajit Pawar-led faction joining the BJP-Sena combine.

It was a peculiar situation where different factions of the Shiv Sena and the NCP, locked in a bitter battle over their claims to be the true party, were part of the government and the opposition at the same time. The opposition factions of both parties blamed Mr. Fadnavis and the central leadership of the BJP for their "divisive politics" and accused Mr. Fadnavis of devising the split.

Today, as his couplet goes viral on the Internet due to the landslide victory of the Mahayuti alliance in which the BJP has performed impressively well with a strike rate of almost 90%, the focus is back on Mr. Fadnavis, or 'Deva bhau' as the BJP campaign had branded him in September, ostensibly to negate the references to caste politics, where the Maratha-dominated political landscape had chosen to pick on his Brahmin identity.

Throughout the campaign during this election, his rivals contemptuously referred to Mr. Fadnavis as Annaji Pant, a controversial figure in Maratha history, who is considered a 'traitor' by many for conspiring against Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's son Chhatrapati Sambhaji, trying to get him killed.

Today, Mr. Fadnavis is being seen as the sculptor of the BJP's victory in Maharashtra. But during the Lok Sabha election earlier this year, the party had won only nine of the 28 seats it contested in the State.

"I take complete responsibility for the performance of the party in Maharashtra. I request the central leadership to please free me of the responsibility of the Deputy Chief Minister. I want to dedicate myself for strengthening the party organisation," Mr. Fadnavis said then in a press conference in Mumbai, creating a flutter at the national level. Five months later, in the Assembly election, the BJP contested 148 seats and won 132 of them.

Early career

In his political career which started at a very young age, he has earned several distinctions. Coming from a humble background in Nagpur, Mr. Fadnavis belonged to a family which had firm affiliation with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and the Jan Sangh.

His father Gangadhar Fadnavis was a member of the Legislative Council, and was affiliated with the Jan Sangh. Mr. Fadnavis joined the RSS at a very young age. He started his political journey in his student days by joining the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP), a right wing students' association linked with the RSS. He became the youngest Mayor of Nagpur city at the age of 27 years.

He is the second youngest Chief Minister of Maharashtra, the second youngest Mayor in the history of the country, and one of the only two Chief Ministers to complete a full term of five years in the State. His supporters claim that his leadership transformed Nagpur, the *karmabhoomi* of both Mr. Fadnavis and Union Minister Nitin Gadkari. The Opposition, on the other side, has claimed that Mr. Fadnavis failed to develop Nagpur, and that the crime rate has increased in the city.

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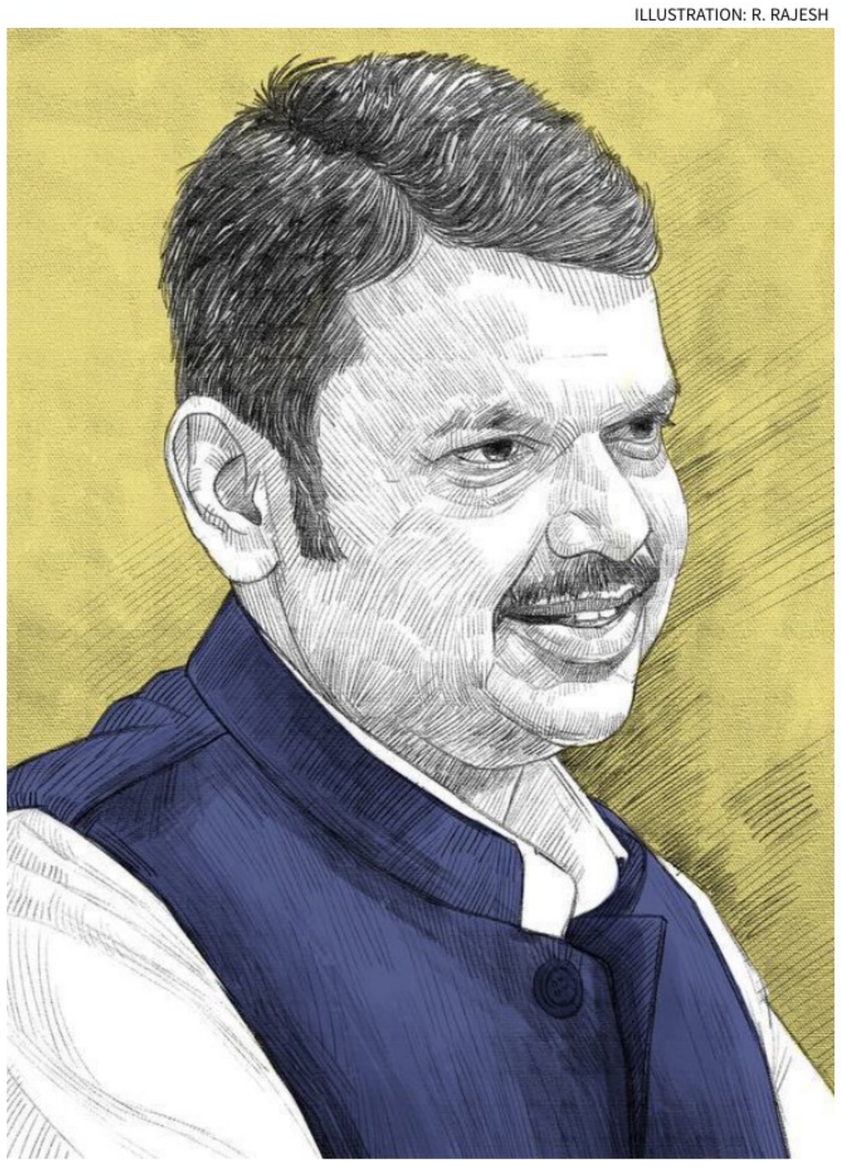

Resurgence

His current resurgence is being seen as a testimony to his grit, perseverance, resilience, strategic thinking and adaptability. His supporters say he has taken the responsibility of the party's performance, burnt many bridges in the party's interest, put a lot at stake for strengthening the party organisation, and devised strategies to weaken the opposition. His detractors say Mr. Fadnavis has not let any other leadership centres emerge, and that he has shown a vindictive nature.

In 2019, after his claim that he will return to power ('*Mi punha yein*' poem was trolled on the social media for years thereafter), there were speculations on whether his importance within the party had diminished.

After the split in the Shiv Sena in 2022, when Eknath Shinde joined hands with the BJP, many of Mr. Fadnavis's supporters expected that his name would be announced as the Chief Minister. Instead, Mr. Fadnavis himself made the announcement that Mr. Shinde would be the Chief Minister and that though he wanted to stay out of power, he would take up the position of the Deputy Chief Minister due to the party's directions. It was considered a step-down.

"What has he not done for the party? He was the mastermind. The Sena leaders trusted him when they took this step," a BJP leader told this correspondent at the time of the government formation in 2022, indicating that Mr. Fadnavis was 'not rewarded despite his master stroke'.

As a politician, he is extremely guarded and careful about the perception created about him. Several of his political opponents refer to him as simultaneously meritorious and insecure, someone who doesn't take very kindly to competition. Unlike many senior politicians in Maharashtra's political ecosystem, he isn't known as someone who openly discusses his thoughts and plans. He is also someone who is seen to have climbed the ladder quite fast. In 2019, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had thanked Nagpur for "giving the gift of Devendra Fadnavis". In 2024, after the State Assembly victory, Mr. Modi referred to him as 'param-mitra' (eternal friend).

Proximity to RSS

Hailing from Nagpur, Mr. Fadnavis has always shared proximity with the RSS. As a karyakarta, a swayamsevak, he was involved in several campaigns of the RSS. "On all the parameters of 'swayamsevakatva', he completely fulfils them. From Kashmir to Ayodhya, he has participated in many campaigns. He has shown the same austerity. He is a composite and ideal politician, who has established himself on merit," someone close to the Sangh said.

"But when a political party grows, it has several considerations beyond individual aspirations. It has a plan for 25 years ahead. So one should not look at it as a preference for or against a leader. But a vision for the party. That is how larger decisions are taken. It may not have a bearing on an individual leader," said another leader.

THE GIST

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Trump's research czar

Jay Bhattacharya

A Stanford doctor who opposed lockdowns and authored a declaration advocating for youth herd immunity during the pandemic will head the U.S. National Institutes of Health

Sruthi Darbhamulla

On November 26, U.S. President-elect Donald Trump announced that physician and economist Jayanta 'Jay' Bhattacharya will be the director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the nation's chief agency for medical research.

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This pick makes Dr. Bhattacharya the second Indian-American selected by Mr. Trump for a key post, after Vivek Ramaswamy, who has been tapped to lead the newly-created Department of Government Efficiency, along with billionaire Elon Musk. The NIH, with a $48 billion budget, is one of the foremost agencies for biomedical research, with 27 centres dealing with a spectrum of subjects, including cancer research and diabetes.

The NIH's parent agency, the Department of Health and Human Services, will be headed by Robert F. Kennedy Jr. "Together, Jay and RFK Jr. will restore the NIH to a Gold Standard of Medical Research as they examine the underlying causes of, and solutions to, America's biggest health challenges, including our Crisis of Chronic Illness and Disease," Mr. Trump said in a social media post.

Mr. Trump's health picks are unconventional, with both appointees having expressed opinions on health policy and medicine which are out of the mainstream realm.

The Kolkata-born Bhattacharya migrated to the U.S. as a child. He earned his undergraduate degree from Stanford, and later completed a medical degree and a doctorate from the same institution. His Stanford association continues; he is a tenured professor in health policy and a professor of economics by courtesy.

Dr. Bhattacharya is not a practising physician and counts public health policy, specifically centred on infectious diseases and COVID, as well as health economics as his domains of expertise. He came into the public spotlight during the pandemic years for his forceful advocacy against lockdowns, his belief that civil servants had too much power over federal policy during that time, and his criticism of Joe Biden's handling of the pandemic. Soon after the World Health Organisation declared that COVID-19 was a pandemic, Dr. Bhattacharya questioned the severity of the virus and said quarantines were not worth their economic, community and individual health cost. He also published research asserting that immunity to the virus was greater than believed.

'Irreparable damage'

Along with Sunetra Gupta, an Oxford professor of theoretical epidemiology, and Martin Kulldorff, a Swedish epidemiologist and former professor at Harvard, Dr. Bhattacharya authored the 2020 'Great Barrington Declaration', a public health manifesto. The authors mooted an approach called "Focused Protection", whereby they suggested that COVID be allowed to spread among young healthy people who were "at minimal risk of death" and could thus develop natural herd immunity. Prevention efforts were to be focused on the elderly and at-risk populations.

The authors said they had "grave concerns about the damaging physical and mental health impacts of the prevailing COVID-19 policies," saying continued lockdowns "until a vaccine is available will cause irreparable damage." The Declaration was signed by 43 other professionals in the health sciences and medicine.

The Declaration was widely denounced by public health experts. Dr. Frances Collins, then director of the NIH, called its authors "fringe epidemiologists," while Dr. Anthony Fauci termed it "total nonsense."

Dr. Bhattacharya recently hosted a forum in Stanford about pandemic policy, aiming to bring those with differing view-points together to "talk to each other in a civil way." But the forum came under fire as providing a platform to discredited figures with unscientific approaches.

His appointment heralds a new chapter in American public health. Reacting to his nomination, Dr. Bhattacharya wrote on X: "We will reform American scientific institutions so that they are worthy of trust again and will deploy the fruits of excellent science to make America healthy again!"

Veiled face of PTI

Bushra Bibi

The November 25-26 rally by PTI supporters in Islamabad, which resulted in violent clashes, saw Imran Khan's wife emerging into the political spotlight

Suchitra Karthikeyan

"This is the fight for Pakistan's freedom," said Bushra Bibi, ex-Prime Minister Imran Khan's wife, in a rare video message on November 22, ahead of the planned 'do or die' sit-in by Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) supporters in Islamabad. The 49-year-old was appealing to PTI supporters to gather in large numbers in the capital to join the protest demanding Mr. Khan's release from jail.

PHOTO: AP

Life in Islamabad ground to a halt on November 25-26 as thousands of PTI supporters led by Bushra marched into the city, defying a ban order. Making an unexpected appearance on top of a truck along with Ali Amin Gandapur, Chief Minister of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, in Islamabad, Bushra told the protesters, "You will have to promise that till the time Imran Khan comes here, you will not leave". However, as clashes between protesters and security forces turned violent, Bushra and Mr. Gandapur retreated from the capital's 'Red Zone' – an area housing Pakistan's government buildings.

Hailing from a landowning family in Punjab, little was known about Bushra Riaz Wattoo prior to her marriage to Mr. Khan in 2018. A follower of Sufi saint Fariduddin Masud Ganjshakar (Baba Farid), Bushra was introduced to Mr. Khan by her sister Maryam Riaz Wattoo in 2014 during a PTI's 'sit-in' protest in Islamabad. Married to Khawar Maneka, a customs official, at that time, Bushra and Mr. Khan connected over their joint interest in Sufism. Soon enough, Mr. Khan began frequently visiting her, seeking 'spiritual guidance' at her husband's house in Pakpattan – the birthplace of Baba Farid. On November 14, 2017, Mr. Maneka and Bushra divorced and in February 2018, the cricketer-turned-politician married her in a secret ceremony.

The contrast between Mr. Khan's two ex-wives and his current spouse is stark. British journalist Jemima Goldsmith and Pakistani journalist Reham Khan are both public figures, who have made several statements about their ex-husband, praise or otherwise. In comparison, Bushra has remained shrouded from the public eye, literally, as she is generally spotted wearing a black or white abaya covering her face. She has five children (three daughters and two sons) from her previous marriage and her eldest, Mehru Maneka, is a PTI member.

Growing influence

Bushra's influence over Mr. Khan grew as he won the general elections and became Prime Minister in 2018, six months after their wedding. While several Sufi devotees call her a 'spiritual leader', Mr. Khan's political rivals have accused her of practising sorcery.

Bushra was also accused of hoodwinking Mr. Khan, according to *Tribune*, by presenting information previously passed to her by ex-ISI chief Gen. Faiz Hameed as 'divine intervention', thus reinforcing Mr. Khan's belief in her powers. Her ex-husband Mr. Maneka moved an Islamabad court in November 2023, alleging that the marriage of Bushra and Mr. Khan was 'un-Islamic' as they had not completed the '*iddah* period' (time gap required for a woman to remarry after divorce as per Muslim family law). While the court voided their marriage and convicted the two, they were later acquitted in July this year.

Bushra has constantly remained at Mr. Khan's side, including earlier this year, when she was arrested in connection with the Toshakhana case. The PTI founder, who has been in jail since August 2023, and his wife have been accused of failing to disclose state gifts received from foreign guests. After nine months of incarceration, Bushra was granted bail and released from Rawalpindi's Adiala Jail in October.

Since her release, Bushra and Aleema Khan, the former PM's sister, have become the PTI's rallying point as most of the party's top leadership is in jail. From attacking Saudi Arabia to demanding immediate release of Mr. Khan and other PTI leaders, Bushra's presence, in spite of her lack of experience, has filled a leadership vacuum in the party. November's rally brought Bushra under the political spotlight, though the protests were called off in the face of state crackdown.

COLOMBO

As prices fall by 2.1%, Sri Lanka marks highest deflation since 1961

AFP

Sri Lanka's consumer prices fell by 2.1% in November, the highest deflation rate recorded by the economically fragile island nation since 1961, official data showed on Saturday. An unprecedented financial crash in 2022 brought months of consumer goods shortages, and inflation had peaked at nearly 70% that year. AFP

LAHORE

'Imran Khan guilty of conspiring with perpetrators of May 9 riots'

AFP

An Anti-Terrorism Court in Pakistan said former jailed Prime Minister Imran Khan is guilty of abetting and conspiring with perpetrators of the May 9 riots. He was booked in several cases in Lahore in connection with May 9, 2023 violence, including for inciting his supporters to attack government and military buildings. PTI

KATHMANDU

'Nepal is not in a position to take loans for China's BRI projects'

GETTY IMAGES

Nepal said it is not in a position to take loans for projects under China's Belt and Road Initiative and will instead primarily rely on grants, moving forward based on mutual consensus among all stakeholders. Nepal Foreign Minister Arzu Rana Deuba made the remarks after returning from a three-day visit to China. PTI

WASHINGTON

U.S. approves $385 million worth of arms, other technology to Taiwan

AFP

The United States has approved the proposed sale of spare parts for F-16 fighter jets and radar systems as well as communications equipment to Taiwan, in deals valued at $385 million. The sales were announced as Taiwan's President Lai Ching-te was due to leave for a trip to three Pacific island allies. AFP

Israel strikes Hezbollah sites in Syria in test of truce

Associated Press
TEL AVIV

Israeli aircraft struck Hezbollah weapons smuggling sites along Syria's border with Lebanon, the Israeli military said on Saturday, testing a fragile, days-old ceasefire that halted months of fighting between the sides but has seen continued sporadic fire.

The military said it struck sites that had been used to smuggle weapons from Syria to Lebanon after the ceasefire took effect, which the military said was a violation of its terms. There was no immediate comment from Syrian authorities. Hezbollah also did not comment.

Syrian Army on the back foot as militants enter Aleppo city

Dozens of soldiers have been killed, says the military, the city had been under full state control since government forces, backed by Russia and Iran, drove out Islamist militants eight years ago

Reuters
AMMAN

The Syrian military said on Saturday that Islamist militants had entered large parts of Aleppo city during an offensive in which dozens of soldiers had been killed, forcing the Army to redeploy – the biggest challenge to President Bashar al-Assad in years.

The surprise attack led by the Islamist Hayat Tahrir al-Sham has jolted the frontlines of the Syrian civil war that have largely been frozen since 2020, reviving fighting in a corner of the fractured country near the Turkish border. The Army said it was preparing a counteroffensive to restore state authority.

Clawing back: Anti-government militants brandish their guns in Syria's northern city of Aleppo on Saturday. AFP

The Syrian Army command's statement was the first public acknowledgement by the military that militants had entered Aleppo, which had been under full state control since government forces backed by Russia and Iran drove out rebels eight years ago.

The Army said the militants had entered large parts of Aleppo but Army bombardment had stopped them from establishing fixed positions. It promised to "expel them and restore the control of the state ... over the entire city and its countryside".

Two militant sources said the insurgents had also captured the city of Maraat al Numan in Idlib province, bringing all of that province under their control, in another significant blow to Mr. Assad.

Israeli military strikes kill 32 Palestinians across Gaza

Reuters
CAIRO

The Israeli military said it killed a Palestinian it accused of involvement in Hamas's October 7 attack on Israel in a vehicle strike in Gaza, while medics said at least 32 Palestinians were killed in Israeli strikes across the enclave overnight and into Saturday.

The escalation comes as leaders of Hamas were expected to arrive in Cairo on Saturday for ceasefire talks with Egyptian officials, days after Israel and Hezbollah agreed to ceasefire in Lebanon, two officials of the group said.

Later on Saturday medics said nine persons were killed when an Israeli air strike targeted a vehicle near a gathering of Palestinians receiving aid in the southern area of Khan Younis south of the enclave.

Receiving end: A woman cries amid the rubble of a building destroyed in an Israeli strike on Shujaiyah in Gaza on Saturday. AFP

The Gaza Civil Defence also reported that one of its officers was killed in attacks in northern Gaza's Jabalia, bringing the total number of civil defense workers killed since October 7, 2023, to 88.

Earlier on Saturday, WAFA news agency reported that three employees of World Central Kitchen (WCK), a U.S.-based humanitarian agency, were killed when a civilian vehicle was targeted in Khan Younis. WCK said it was "pausing operations in Gaza at this time".

North Korea, Russia decide to improve military cooperation

Agence France-Presse
SEOUL

Russian Defence Minister Andrei Belousov met with North Korean leader Kim Jong-un and agreed to boost military cooperation between the two isolated nations, Pyongyang state media said on Saturday.

The United States and South Korea have accused the nuclear-armed North Korea of sending more than 10,000 soldiers to help Russia fight Ukraine, with experts saying Mr. Kim is eager to gain advanced technology, and battle experience for his troops, in return.

Mr. Kim, who met Mr. Belousov on Friday, blasted the recent decision by Western powers to permit Kyiv to strike inside Russia with their weapons, saying it constituted a "direct military intervention in the conflict", according to KCNA.

Russian President Vladimir Putin and Mr. Kim signed a strategic partnership treaty in June that obligates both states to provide military assistance "without delay" in the case of an attack on the other and jointly oppose Western sanctions.

Georgia arrests 107 protesters following govt. plan to stall EU membership talks

Agence France-Presse
TBILISI

Georgia on Saturday said 107 people were arrested during a second night of protests sparked by the government's decision to delay European Union membership talks amid a post-election crisis.

The Black Sea nation has been rocked by turmoil since the ruling Georgian Dream party claimed victory in a October 26 parliamentary election that the pro-EU opposition said was fraudulent.

The Interior Ministry said 107 people were detained for "disobedience to lawful police orders and petty hooliganism."

Fiery night: Demonstrators use firecrackers against the police outside Parliament in Tbilisi in Georgia early on Saturday. AP

"Throughout the night... protesters threw various objects, including stones, pyrotechnics, glass bottles, and metal items, at law enforcement officers," it said, adding that "10 employees of the ministry of internal affairs were injured."

The Ministry had said that 32 police officers were wounded and 43 protestors detained on Thursday.

Prime Minister Irakli Kobakhidze's statement on Thursday that Georgia will not seek to open accession talks with the European Union until 2028 ignited a furious reaction from the opposition and two days of protests.

He later accused the opposition and the EU Ambassador to Georgia of distorting his words, and insisted membership in the bloc "by 2030" remains his "top priority."

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Protests were also held in other cities across Georgia on Friday.

Canada's Trudeau meets Trump as tariff threats loom large

Agence France-Presse
PALM BEACH

U.S. President-elect had spoken with Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum earlier this week

Justin Trudeau had an "excellent conversation" with Donald Trump at the President-elect's Florida estate, Canada's Prime Minister said on Saturday, as the United States' neighbours scramble to blunt the impact of Mr. Trump's trade threats. Mr. Trudeau flew for a dinner at Mar-a-Lago on Friday.

Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum spoke with Mr. Trump by phone on Wednesday, though the two leaders' accounts of the conversation differed drastically.

Mr. Trump claimed that Mexico's left-wing President had "agreed to stop migration through Mexico, and into the United States, effectively closing our Southern Border."

Ms. Sheinbaum later said she had discussed U.S.-supported anti-migration policies that have long been in place in Mexico.

Sport

Huntingdon should score in feature event

RACING

HYDERABAD: The four-year-old colt, Huntingdon should score over his rivals in the R. Raghupathi Reddy Memorial Cup, the feature event of Sunday's (Dec.1) races.

1 SOLITAIRE PLATE (1,400m), maiden 3-y-o and upward, rated up to 25 (Cat. III) – 12.35 p.m.: 1. Amboseli (3) Kuldeep Jr. 60, 2. Hoping King (---), 3. Jungle Girl (2) Gaurav 60, 4. My Brother (5) R.S. Jodha 60, 5. Sargent (1) H.M. Akshay 60, 6. Shubhrak (4) Deepak 59.5, 7. Mademoiselle (7) B.R. Kumar 57.5 and 8. Silver Arrow (6) Abhay Singh 55.5.

1. AMBOSELI, 2. SARGENT, 3. JUNGLE GIRL

2 FLYING TREASURE PLATE (1,100m), (Terms) Maiden, 2-y-o only (Cat. II) – 1.10: 1. Golden Degree (7) Abhay Singh 56, 2. Royal Warrior (9) P. Sai K 56, 3. State Man (10) R.S. Bhati 56, 4. American Affair (5) B.R. Kumar 54.5, 5. Beverley (2) Afroz K 54.5, 6. Dontblockmyway (1) Saqlain 54.5, 7. Farsiris (3) H.M. Akshay 54.5, 8. Infinia (8) Ashad Asbar 54.5, 9. Northern Waves (6) Mukesh K 54.5, 10. Silver Screen (4) R.S. Jodha 54.5 and 11. Stas Envied (11) Md. Ismail 54.5.

1. DONTBLOCKMYWAY, 2. AMERICAN AFFAIR, 3. STATE MAN

3 ARDENT KNIGHT PLATE (1,400m) Maiden, 3-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III) – 1.45: 1. N R I Skypower (4) Kuldeep Sr. 60, 2. Eminency (3) Kuldeep Jr. 59.5, 3. Varaneek Gold (7) Mohit 57, 4. Aos Si (5) B.R. Kumar 56.5, 5. Black Dust (1) P. Sai K 56.5, 6. Always Special (2) Ashad Asbar 56, 7. Oskars Officer (9) Abhay Singh 56, 8. Peppi (8) Surya Prakash 56 and 9. First Lady (6) Santosh Raj 55.5.

1. AOS SI, 2. EMINENCY, 3. PEPPI

4 BRAVE DANCER PLATE (1,600m) (Terms), rated 50 and above (Cat. II) – 2.15: 1. Hugh Capet (1) Mohit 60, 2. Maverick (3) Kuldeep Sr. 60, 3. Delhi Heights (2) B. Nikhil 58.5, 4. Decoy (6) B.R. Kumar 58, 5. Detective (5) Gaurav 58 and 6. Barbet (4) Mukesh K 56.5.

1. MAVERICK, 2. BARBET

5 NALGONDA CUP (1,200m), 4-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III) – 2.45: 1. Hoping Star (2) Mohit 60, 2. Bold Beauty (14) P. Sai K 59.5, 3. Hoping Sky (5) Kuldeep Jr. 59.5, 4. Only The Brave (7) Mukesh 59.5, 5. Colt Pistol (3) Santosh Raj 58.5, 6. Star Medal (1) Nakhat 56.5, 7. Antidote (12) Abhay 56, 8. Silver Lining (10) Afroz K 54.5, 9. Star Cruise (11) Kuldeep Sr. 54.5, 10. American Flame (9) H.M. Akshay 54, 11. Splendour On Grass (13) R.S. Bhati 54, 12. Pancho (6) B. Nikhil 53, 13. Reining Queen (8) P. Ajeeth K 51 and 14. Desert Sultan (4) Surya Prakash 50.5.

1. ONLY THE BRAVE, 2. ANTIDOTE, 3. AMERICAN FLAME

6 K.R. ARVIND REDDY MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,800m), 4-y-o and upward, rated 60 to 85 (Cat. II) – 3.15: 1. Fly Tothe Stars (9) Shivansh 60, 2. Nightmare (10) B. Nikhil 60, 3. Painted Apache (2) Kuldeep Jr. 60, 4. Armstrong (5) P. Sai K 58.5, 5. Brooklyn Beauty (8) Gaurav 58, 6. Hurricane Bay (6) Afroz K 58, 7. N R I Sport (1) A.A. Vikrant 57.5, 8. Silver Act (3) Mukesh K 56.5, 9. Yesterday (7) Surya Prakash 55 and 10. Trishul (4) Ashad Asbar 54.

1. HURRICANE BAY, 2. SILVER ACT, 3. FLY TOTHE STARS

7 AIR COMMAND CUP (1,100m), 3-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III) – 3.45: 1. Linda (3) Ashad Asbar 60.5, 2. High Heels (13) Gaurav 59.5, 3. That's My Mission (7) Kuldeep Jr. 59.5, 4. In Proposito (1) B.R. Kumar 59, 5. Normui (6) Mukesh K 58, 6. Clarity (4) P. Sai K 57, 7. Prince (10) R.S. Jodha 54.5, 8. Opera Queen (5) Kuldeep Sr. 54, 9. Sadiya (11) Surya Prakash 54, 10. Swiss Girl (2) Md. Ismail 53, 11. Lady Jane (9) Nakhat 52.5, 12. D Extreme (8) H.M. Akshay 51 and 13. Arba Wahed Arba (12) Abhay Singh 50.

1. LINDA, 2. OPERA QUEEN, 3. HIGH HEELS

8 R. RAGHUPATHI REDDY MEMORIAL CUP (1,400m), 3-y-o and upward, rated 80 and above (Cat. I) – 4.15: 1. Siddharth (5) B.R. Kumar 61.5, 2. Malaala (3) Deepak 61, 3. Akido (8) R.S. Jodha 60, 4. Huntingdon (9) Saqlain 58.5, 5. Candy Girl (7) Mukesh K 57.5, 6. Alexina (4) P. Sai K 55, 7. N R I Doublepower (11) Kuldeep Sr. 53.5, 8. Truth (6) Mohit 53.5, 9. Last Wish (1) P. Ajeeth K 53, 10. High Command (2) Ashad Asbar 51 and 11. The Inheritor (10) Gaurav 50.

1. HUNTINGDON, 2. MALAALA, 3. SIDDHARTH

9 GALACTICA PLATE (1,100m), 5-y-o and upward, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II) – 4.45: 1. Runlikthewind (2) Saqlain 60, 2. Nucleus (6) Mohit 58.5, 3. Angelita (1) Kuldeep Sr. 57.5, 4. Mark My Day (10) R.S. Jodha 57, 5. Sweet Dancer (3) P. Ajeeth K 55.5, 6. Sopranos (9) M. Mark 54.5, 7. Clefairy (7) Md. Ismail 52.5, 8. Winning Attitude (4) Afroz K 52.5, 9. Challenger (8) Nakhat 52 and 10. Burgundy Black (5) B. Nikhil 51.

1. RUNLIKETHEWIND, 2. NUCLEUS, 3. SWEET DANCER

Day's Best: **HUNTINGDON**

Jackpot: (I) 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5, (ii) 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9.

Mini Jackpot: (I) 2, 3, 4 & 5, (ii) 6, 7, 8 & 9.

Treble: (I) 1, 2 & 3, (ii) 4, 5 & 6, (iii) 7, 8 & 9.

Tanala: All races.

Regal Reality claims the Bangalore 1000 Guineas

BENGALURU: S. Attaollahi trained Regal Reality (Akshay Kumar up) won the Bangalore 1000 Guineas (1,600m), the first classic event of the season held here on Saturday (Nov 30). The winner is owned by M/s. DT Racing & Breeding LLP, Mr. Mukul A. Sonawala & Mr. Chaduranga Kanthraj Urs'.

Akshay confidently kept his filly a handy second till the bend before manoeuvring the mount from outside in the home stretch.

Regal Reality responded well and started galloping tremendously and overtook the long time leader Golden Glory near 400m and won resolutely.

1. BECKET PLATE (1,100M): VIBRANT BLISS (Antony) 1, Eternal Glory (Rayan) 2, Allegro Dance (Sandesh) 3 and Ashwa Kali Bhani (Suraj) 4. Not run: Mutual Trust. 5-1/4, 1-1/4 and Snk. 1m 06.65s. Rs. 14 (w), 11, 24 and 16 (p), SHP: 83, THP: 27, FP: 127, Q: 99, Trinella: 407/151, Exacta: 769/260. Favourite: Vibrant Bliss.

Owners: Mr. Shankar Srinivas, Mr. Ashok Ranpise, Mr. G.S. Reddy & Mr. P.K. Jain. Trainer: S. Dominic.

2. NAGARJUNA SAGAR PLATE (DIV. II), (1,400M): CAT WHISKERS (Akshay K) 1, Asagiri (Suraj) 2, Peridot (L.A. Rozario) 3 and Treasure Chest (Srinath) 4. 1-1/4, 3/4 and 1/2. 1m 25.91s. Rs. 66 (w), 14, 13 and 29 (p), SHP: 36, THP: 58, FP: 236, Q: 97, Trinella: 1,510/2,023, Exacta: 3,958/1,696. Favourite: Prophecy.

K.A. Jagadish, chairman Race Day, with Regal Reality's owner Chaduranga Kanthraj Urs, right, trainer S.S. Attaollahi, left, and jockey Akshay Kumar at the BTC on Saturday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Owner: Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy Chettiar of Chettinad Charitable Trust. Trainer: G. Aravind.

3. MUTHYALAMADUVU PLATE (1,600M): RISE AND REIGN (Suraj) 1, Continues (A. Ramu) 2, Queen Of Kings (M. Prabhakaran) 3 and Dr Ash (L.A. Rozario) 4. Not run: Southernaristocrat. 1, 1/2 and Shd. 1m 38.04s. Rs. 16 (w), 10, 13 and 45 (p), SHP: 25, THP: 91, FP: 23, Q: 17, Trinella: 387/255, Exacta: 488/109. Favourite: Rise And Reign.

Owner: Mrs. Shreya Rajesh Narredu. Trainer: Rajesh Narredu.

4. KEMPEGOWDA TROPHY (1,100M): FLIGHT ON (Trevor) 1, Crimson Flame (Akshay K) 2, La Mcqueen (Antony) 3 and Dynamic Force (A. Prakash) 4. 4-1/4, 1/2 and 1-1/2. 1m 05.66s. Rs. 14 (w), 13, 14 and 19 (p), SHP: 27, THP: 31, FP: 27, Q: 28, Trinella: 65/40, Exacta: 312/228. Favourite: Flight On.

Owners: M/s. Rapar Galloping Stars LLP rep. by Mr. Rajendran, Mr. Ashok Ranpise & Mr. K. Kaliyaperumal. Trainer: Prasanna Kumar.

5. BANGALORE 1000 GUINEAS (1,600M): REGAL REALITY (Excellent Art - Silver Beauty) Akshay K 1, Divine Art (Excellent Art - Ray Of Light) Suraj 2, Disciple (Multitude - Devotee) Antony 3 and Mumtaz (Admirally - Maisha) G. Vivek 4. 2-3/4, 1-1/2 and 1. 1m 37.19s. Rs. 35 (w), 13, 10 and 15 (p), SHP: 35, THP: 41, FP: 64, Q: 21, Trinella: 156/126, Exacta: 249/131. Favourite: Divine Art.

Owners: M/s. DT Racing & Breeding LLP, Mr. Mukul A. Sonawala & Mr. Chaduranga Kanthraj Urs'. Trainer: S. Attaollahi.

6. CHINTAMANI SKATES (1,200M): GOLDEN TIME (Antony) 1, Solo Prince (G. Vivek) 2, Aherne (Darshan) 3 and Maple Leaf (Srinath) 4. 3/4, 1-1/4 and Hd. 1m 12.61s. Rs. 34 (w), 12, 21 and 22 (p), SHP: 75, THP: 53, FP: 373, Q: 287, Trinella: 3,951/1,693, Exacta: 5,366/1,769. Favourite: Maple Leaf.

Owner: Mr. H.K. Lakshman Gowda. Trainer: V. Lokanath.

7. NAGARJUNA SAGAR PLATE (DIV. I), (1,400M): PHARAZON (L.A. Rozario) 1, Lone Ranger (Sandesh) 2, Brave Majesty (Akshay K) 3 and Super Marvella (Srinath) 4. 1-1/2, 6 and 1/2. 1m 25.19s. Rs. 33 (w), 15, 15 and 16 (p), SHP: 35, THP: 36, FP: 110, Q: 43, Trinella: 228/113, Exacta: 369/139. Favourite: Lone Ranger.

Owners: Mr. M.V. Balaji, Mr. Mohd Javeed Ghatala & Mr. J. Ramesh. Trainer: Irfan Ghatala.

Jackpot: Rs. 1,019 (99 tkts); Runner-up: 90 (480 tkts); Treble (i): 206 (47 tkts); (ii): 388 (27 tkts).

BIG BLOW

Australia's Hazlewood ruled out of second Test at Adelaide

AP

Australia suffered a blow in the lead-up to the second Test at Adelaide from December 6 as Josh Hazlewood was ruled out. According to CA, he has a 'low grade left side injury'. Sean Abbott and Brendan Dogget were added to the squad but most probably Scott Boland will get the selector's nod for the playing eleven.

UPPER HAND

England on the verge of wrapping up first Test against New Zealand

AP

England took a first-innings lead of 151 before reducing New Zealand to 155 for six at close on the third day of the first Test in Christchurch on Saturday.
The scores: New Zealand 348 in 91 overs and 155/6 in 49 overs (Williamson 61) vs England 499 in 103 overs (Brook 171, Pope 77).

THUMPING WIN

Jansen's 11-wicket match-haul powers South Africa home

AFP

South Africa had to overcome determined resistance from Sri Lanka's batters before winning the first Test by 233 runs in Durban on Saturday.
The scores: South Africa 191 & 366/5 decl. vs Sri Lanka 42 & 282 in 79.4 overs (Chandimal 83, de Silva 59; Jansen 4/73). **PoM**: Jansen.

CRUISE CONTROL

Pirates stroll to victory over Bulls; Pink Panthers beat Titans

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Patna Pirates registered an impressive 54–29 victory over Bengaluru Bulls in a PKL match in Noida on Saturday. The duo of Devank Dalal and Ayan Lohchab ruled the roost yet again with their Super 10s. Meanwhile, Jaipur Pink Panthers posted a 41-28 win over Telugu Titans in the other match of the day.

Honours shared in game five as Ding lets Gukesh off the hook

Defending champion gets an advantageous position but fails to capitalise, feels he could have done better; Indian Grandmaster says he is trying to take it one game at a time and that are a lot more important ones to come

FIDE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SINGAPORE 2024

P. K. Ajith Kumar

Black seems to excite Ding Liren a bit more than white in Singapore.

After scoring a stunning win against D. Gukesh in the opening game of the World chess championship with black pieces, the defending champion got an advantageous position and managed to put the young Indian challenger under some pressure in game five at Resorts World Sentosa on Saturday. But, this time Gukesh didn't succumb, and found the right moves to get a draw.

So it is still all square, at 2.5-2.5. Another nine rounds remain in this best-of-14 match. The player who reaches 7.5 points will be the winner.

Like he did in the first game, Gukesh began by pushing the king's pawn, and as was the case then, Ding replied with French Defence, though that had been something he hadn't used a lot in the past. The exchange variation of French Defence followed this time around.

All square: Gukesh found the right moves to get a draw against Ding. PTI

The queens were exchanged by the ninth move. Eight moves later, Gukesh showed his intentions with an aggressive push of the 'g' pawn, and not for the first time in the match.

But on the 23rd move, his decision to capture Ding's bishop with his pawn, instead of rook, didn't seem to be a wise one and made him suffer for a while.

Ding went on to have a passed pawn in the centre, but he could not find the ideal way to continue and press harder. Gukesh, on the other hand, did well to equalise. The game reached an ending featuring opposite-colour bishops and pawns.

Repetition of moves

The game was drawn after 40 moves with repetition of moves.

Gukesh said he was just trying to play one game at a time and trying to give his best. "I think it's still early to say, not even close to the halfway mark," he said. "Considering I was trailing in the match after the first game, it's nice to be here but yeah, there are a lot more important games to come."

Ding felt he could have done better. "Results are not the ideal one because I have some chances in some games. I had led at some point and even today after some rook check, I had some advantage which I didn't convert. So there is something to improve in the next round."

India vs PM's XI match: Rain plays spoilsport

INDIA IN AUS

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
CANBERRA

6:38 PM
WELCOME TO MANUKA OVAL
TODAY'S PLAY HAS BEEN ABANDONED FOR DAY 1
PLAY WILL COMMENCE AT 2:40PM TOMORROW
TICKETS FOR TODAY'S PLAY WILL BE REFUNDED

Loud and clear: Rain had a big say on the first day. AFP

Saturday dawned to the liquid acoustics of rain. It stayed that way here for a large part and as umbrellas were unfurled and people went about their business in the Australian capital, a sport that demanded sun and sparkle, was left stranded.

With its centre-square covered and some fans in their rain-wear in the stands, the Manuka Oval presented a gloomy spectacle and a wash-out seemed possible.

It became a reality eventually as around 6.30 p.m. local time, the day's play between India and the Prime Minister's XI was abandoned. A 50-over-per-side match will now be held on Sunday.

Earlier, the ground staff battled hard. In the distance, a church bell rang insistently and inside the venue, the Prime Minister's XI and the visiting Indians were present, ahead of their two-day warm-up clash. Australia's Prime Minister Anthony Albanese walked in without any fuss, handed over the caps to his squad, interacted with Rohit Sharma's men, posed for group pictures and left.

A lone rabbit hung around near the sightscreen, ears twitching, and nose seeking the smells that inclement weather triggers. In the distance, a hill lost its crown to dark clouds. The Indians departed in a while, heading to their hotel rooms. A few did check out the indoor training facility. But this seemed like a day for woollens, hot coffee, a book and deep thoughts.

Fingers crossed

The officials, though, kept their fingers crossed. Being a day-and-night fixture, the light was never an issue even if the rain was, and the customary inspection kept happening. In the press box, an administrator dryly said: "The only update is that there is no update." A scribe quipped: "That perhaps is the best diplomatic line in a while." Laughter rippled and the wait stretched.

The rain teased and tormented, lapsing into a mild drizzle and then gaining vigour and drenching those, who stepped out for some fresh air. An elderly couple sought the location of the Don Bradman Stand, and fans hoped for a miracle. However, a grey shroud hung around the ground and the showers intensified, and outside food trucks offering chicken tikka, burgers and stronger beverages, seemed desolate.

For the Indians, this contest was an opportunity to counter the pink ball under lights. Hopefully, there will be some game-time before Rohit's men head to Adelaide for the second Test under lights from December 6.

Obviously the mystique of the pink ball had to be addressed and Aussie speedster Scott Boland said: "It can be two different games in one game. Like when you bowl during the day and the sun is out, it doesn't do a whole lot and then you get to the night session and the ball starts moving around a bit." Now, over to Sunday and what it has in store for cricket.

Piastri clinches Qatar sprint in a McLaren one-two

FORMULA ONE

Agence France-Presse
DOHA

Oscar Piastri was gifted victory by McLaren teammate Lando Norris in Saturday's sprint at the Qatar Grand Prix as the British team consolidated its bid for the constructors' title for the first time since 1998 with a 1-2 triumph.

In an example of perfect teamwork, Norris led from pole to flag before slowing to allow Piastri to win by 0.136s ahead of Mercedes' George Russell in third.

Close call: Russell of Mercedes, left, hunted down McLaren's Piastri, but failed in a bid to pass him on lap 14. AFP

The result secured 15 points for McLaren in its bid to resist Ferrari, extending its advantage to 34 points with two Grands Prix remaining.

Ferrari's Carlos Sainz finished fourth ahead of teammate Charles Leclerc, seven-time champion Lewis Hamilton in the second Mercedes and Haas's Nico Hulkenberg, Max Verstappen, Pierre Gasly of Alpine and Kevin Magnussen in the second Haas.

On lap 13, a masterful move by Leclerc into turn one saw the Monegasque fight his way past Hamilton, the pair running wheel to wheel before the Ferrari pulled away.

Russell was also busy hunting down Piastri and failed in a bid to pass on lap 14 while Norris reported his front tyres were losing performance – yet he clocked a fastest lap to stay on top.

India loses to Pakistan by 43 runs in U-19 Asia Cup

Press Trust of India
DUBAI

Shahzaib Khan smashed 10 sixes in knock of his 159 off 147 balls as India under-19 lost to Pakistan by 43 runs in the Youth Asia Cup cricket tournament here on Saturday. Nikhil Kumar made 67 for India.

The scores:
Pakistan u-19 281/7 in 50 overs (Shahzaib 159) bt India u-19 238 in 47.1 overs (Nikhil Kumar 67).

'CT: Efforts on to ensure win-win for everyone'

Press Trust of India
DUBAI/KARACHI

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has told the ICC that it is willing to accept the Hybrid model for hosting next year's Champions Trophy provided the world body allows the same arrangement for events to be held in India till 2031.

"We have given our point of view (to the ICC), the Indians have also given theirs. The effort is to ensure a win-win for all," PCB chief Mohsin Naqvi said. "Cricket should win, that's most important."

Boland likely to step in for injured Hazlewood in Adelaide

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
CANBERRA

An extra twitch or a minor tear of a ligament may sideline a bowler, but it also offers another speedster an opportunity. Scott Boland, a representative of Australia's aboriginal community, found himself in such a bitter-sweet corner when a damp Saturday dawned at Canberra.

Being a part of the Prime Minister's XI taking on the visiting Indians, Boland was perhaps focussing on the task at hand. And then news trickled in about Josh Hazlewood being sidelined with a side strain. Unless the selectors have some drastic plans, Boland in all likelihood will team up with Mitchell Starc and Pat Cummins as the pace-bowling troika at Adelaide during the second Test from December 6.

The tall seamer strode into the Manuka Oval's media box and as correspondents discarded their lunch and rushed towards him, Boland was all about patience and the right words: "Will see how this game pans out, also depends on the weather and then get to Adelaide on Monday, and do the normal preparation before a game."

Boland. GETTY IMAGES

It is never easy to get a slot in the Australian playing eleven and Boland is aware: "These guys are so resilient and none will give up their spot, and they are so dominant. I probably thought maybe the opportunity had passed but I have worked really hard."

Long break

Asked about his Indian counterparts and the way they performed at Perth, Boland replied: "They just put the ball in the right area. Our bowlers bowled really well as well. Maybe the only difference was that the Indian bowlers got a nice long break between their first and second innings while our break wasn't as long."

And as for Jasprit Bumrah, Boland added: "He's probably going to present similar challenges like at Perth. In that first innings, he looked like getting a wicket every ball. Hopefully after we have played him once, we can try and put a bit of pressure on him." Meanwhile, when asked about the Indian batters, Boland wryly said: "We have our plans but I am not going to tell you that."

Las Palmas stuns La Liga leader Barcelona on its 125th anniversary

EURO LEAGUES

Agence France-Presse
BARCELONA

Las Palmas claimed a surprise 2-1 victory at La Liga leader Barcelona on Saturday, spoiling the hosts' 125th anniversary celebrations. Sandro Ramirez sent the visitors ahead early in the second half and although Raphinha hammered home an equaliser, Fabio Silva struck to claim three points.

Justin Kluivert scored the first ever Premier League hat-trick of penalties as Bournemouth won 4-2 at Wolves on Saturday and Kevin Schade also scored three in Brentford's 4-1 victory over Leicester.

The results: Premier League: Brentford 4 (Wissa 25, Schade 29, 45+8, 59) bt Leicester 1 (Buonanotte 21); Crystal Palace 1 (Munoz 90+4) drew with Newcastle 1 (Guehi 53-og); Nottingham Forest 1 (Wood 49-pen) bt Ipswich 0; Wolves 2 (Strand Larsen 5, 69) lost to Bournemouth 4 (Kluivert 3-pen, 18-pen, 74-pen, Kerkez 8).

LaLiga: Barcelona 1 (Raphinha 61) lost to Las Palmas 2 (Ramirez 49, Fabio Silva); Alaves 1 (Vicente 87) drew with Leganes 1 (Rodriguez 67).

Bundesliga: RB Leipzig 1 (Orban 82) lost to Wolfsburg 5 (Amoura 4, 16, Tomas 5, Maehle 64, Behrens 90+1); Werder Bremen 2 (Njinmah 6, Stage 77) drew with Stuttgart 2 (Demirovic 20, 85); Augsburg 1 (Tietz 38-pen) bt Bochum 0; Union Berlin 1 (Jeong 29) lost to Bayer Leverkusen 2 (Frimpong 2, Schick 71); Freiburg 3 (Hoeler 41, 62, Doan 49) bt Borussia M'Gladbach 1 (Kleindienst 61).

On Friday: Premier League: Brighton 1 (Mitoma 29) drew with Southampton 1 (Downes 59).

LaLiga: Mallorca 2 (Larin 45+3, Prats 81) bt Valencia 1 (Rioja 32).

Serie A: Cagliari 1 (Piccoli 75) bt Verona 0.

Fabio Silva celebrates scoring Las Palmas' winner. REUTERS

INBRIEF

Liverpool dealt Konate injury blow ahead of City clash

Liverpool defender Ibrahima Konate has expressed his frustration at suffering a knee injury that will rule him out of Sunday's top-of-the-table Premier League clash against Manchester City. Konate was hurt during the dying seconds of the Reds' 2-0 Champions League win over Real Madrid after a clash with Brazilian striker Endrick.

Zeel Desai loses in semifinals to Sakura Hosogi

Second seed Sakura Hosogi of Japan beat Zeel Desai 6-1, 6-4 in the semifinals of the $15,000 ITF women's tennis tournament in Monastir, Tunisia, on Saturday.

Rajasthan United bags full points against Namdhari

Rajasthan United FC posted a 3-1 victory over host Namdhari FC in the I-League 2024-25 at Sri Bhaini Sahib (Punjab) on Saturday.

The result: Namdhari 1 (Wayne Vaz 17-og) lost to Rajasthan United 3 (Alain Oyarzun 50-pen, Seiminmang Manchong 76, Wayne Vaz 85).

India outclasses Chinese Taipei, storms into semifinals

Defending champion India delivered a commanding performance to storm into the semifinals of the men's Junior Asia Cup hockey tournament with a resounding 16-0 win over Chinese Taipei here on Saturday. Dilraj Singh led the charge with four goals, while Rosan Kujur and Sourabh Anand Kushwaha scored hat-tricks. Arshdeep Singh (two goals), Priyobarta Talem and Sharda Nand Tiwari (one each) joined the scoring spree. With three consecutive victories, the P.R. Sreejesh-coached side sits atop Pool- A with nine points, ahead of Japan (6) and has qualified for the last-four with a round to spare.

Ruud van Nistelrooy appointed Leicester manager

Ruud van Nistelrooy was named as Leicester's new manager on Friday, signing a contract with the Foxes until 2027. The Dutchman recently left Manchester United after a short spell as interim manager and serving as assistant to Erik ten Hag.

Estonia's Aron to be Alpine F1's reserve driver next season

Twenty-year-old Estonian Paul Aron will be Alpine's reserve driver next season, the Renault-owned Formula One team said on Saturday. The Hitech Formula Two driver replaces Australian Jack Doohan, who will move up to a race seat following the departure of Esteban Ocon to Haas at the end of the year. Aron is currently fourth in the F2 championship and still in the title reckoning. "There is a generational shift in F1 at the moment, as we see with many young drivers coming into the sport," said Alpine's executive advisor Flavio Briatore.

LIVE TELECAST

SMAT: JioCinema, 9 a.m. onwards
U-19 Asia Cup: Sony Sports Ten 3, 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 10.30 a.m.
Chess: World Championship, Chessbase India YouTube Channel, 2.30 p.m.
Serie A: gxr.world, 5, 7.30, 10.30 p.m. & 1.15 a.m. (Monday)
LaLiga: gxr.world, 6.30, 8.45, 11 p.m. & 1.30 a.m. (Monday)
Premier League: SS Select 1, 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7 & 9.30 p.m.
ISL: Sports 18-3 & JioCinema, 7.30 p.m.
Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 8 & 10 p.m.
PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 8 p.m.
West Indies vs Bangladesh: 2nd Test, day 2, FanCode, 8.30 p.m.
Formula One: Qatar GP, F1 TV, F1 TV Pro App & FanCode, 9.30 p.m.

Sindhu and Lakshya stay on course for this year's maiden titles

The top-seeded doubles pair of Ashwini and Tanisha goes down in three games after winning the first to the Chinese pair of Qian Li and Li Jing Bao

BADMINTON

Uthra Ganesan
LUCKNOW

The next generation of Indian badminton may have to wait a little longer.

P.V. Sindhu, struggling for form all through the year, will look to finish the season on a high after reaching the final of the Syed Modi International at the Babu Banarasi Das badminton academy here on Saturday.

The senior pro overwhelmed talented youngster Unnati Hooda 21-12, 21-19 in her most dominating performance of the competition so far to make only her second final this year in 14 outings, having lost to China's Zhi Yi Wang at the Malaysia Masters in May.

She will have another Chinese in her way to her maiden title of 2024 – Luo Yu Wu. The 23-year old, at 119 in the world, is nowhere close to Sindhu's formidable opponent in Malaysia but her game here has been anything but ordinary.

Fightback: Treesa and Gayatri turned things their way after being a game down against Benyapa and Nuntakarn. SANDEEP SAXENA

Among the men, Lakshya Sen had another easy day on the court, winning 21-8, 21-14 against Shogo Ogawa of Japan. He will now take on Singapore's fourth-seed Jia Heng Jason Teh, who beat promising Priyanshu Rajawat 21-13, 21-19. Lakshya has a 2-0 record against Teh.

Sindhu's semifinal against Unnati was being seen as a clash of generations but the 17-year old youngster, despite her best efforts, fell short of matching Sindhu in every department. While Sindhu used her height to good advantage, it was evident that Unnati still has a fair way to go before challenging the top stars on the international circuit.

It was clear the youngster has the game to do so. She was quick across the court, managed to keep the shuttle in play and was able to place her shots accurately. But she could not match Sindhu's power, net play or the ability to control the game's momentum or pace.

"I think she played really well, I wish her all the very best. I was maintaining the lead from the beginning and trying out a few strokes and didn't give her a chance," Sindhu said after the match.

However, the top-seeded doubles pair of Ashwini Ponnappa and Tanisha Crasto went down in three games after winning the first to the Chinese pair of Qian Li and Li Jing Bao, paying the price for being erratic specially at the net.

The results (semifinals):
Women: P.V. Sindhu bt Unnati Hooda 21-12, 21-9; Luo Yu Wu (Chn) bt Lalinrat Chaiwan (Tha) 21-19, 21-12.
Doubles: Treesa Jolly / Gaytri Gopichand bt Benyapa Aimsaard / Nuntakarn Aimsaard (Tha) 18-21, 21-18, 21-10; Qian Li / Li Jing Bao (Chn) bt Tanisha Crasto / Ashwini Ponnappa 14-21, 21-16, 21-13.
Men: Jia Heng Jason Teh (Sin) bt Priyanshu Rajawat 21-13, 21-19; Lakshya Sen bt Shogo Ogawa 21-8, 21-14.
Doubles: Pruthvi Krishnamurthy Roy / K. Sai Pratheek bt Ishaan Bhatnagar / Sankar Prasad Udayakumar 21-17, 17-21, 21-16; Di Huang / Yang Liu (Chn) bt Wen Jun Sun / Yi Jun Zhu (Chn) 21-19, 21-14.
Mixed doubles: Dhruv Kapila / Tanisha bt Zhi Hong Zhou / Jia Yi Yang (Chn) 21-16, 21-15; Dechapol Puavaranukroh / Supissara Paewsampran (Tha) bt Pin Yi Liao / Ke Xin Huang (Chn) 21-11, 21-13.

Mehtab gives Mumbai City a win over Hyderabad

ISL

Shayan Acharya
MUMBAI

Mumbai City FC rode on Mehtab Singh's header from the centre of the box to beat Hyderabad FC 1-0 at Mumbai Football Arena in an Indian Super League fixture on Saturday.

Coming into the game on the back of a 0-3 defeat against Punjab FC earlier this week, the Mumbai outfit put up a spirited show at the Mumbai Football Arena and took the lead in the 29th minute when Mehtab made the most of Lallianzuala Chhangte's cross into the top corner following a corner kick with that header.

Struggling on the points table, Mumbai City FC dominated the game with a better ball possession, and its goal tally could have increased had Vikram Partap Singh not missed a right-footed shot from outside the box just before the half-time.

Action packed: Mumbai City's Vikram Pratap attempts to evade Mohammed Rasfi's tackle. EMMANUAL YOGINI

As the home team ensured there wasn't any slip-up, HFC failed to find the back of the net. In the 44th minute, Allan Paulista's shot from close range went high and wide, while Ramhlunchhunga's effort from outside the box was thwarted by the home team.

After a 0-6 defeat against Odisha FC in its last game, Hyderabad FC hoped to bounce back. However, as the game progressed, it struggled to match up to Mumbai City FC's pace and failed to create opportunities.

Mumbai, however, would be dejected with the fact that it failed to extend its lead as Bipin Singh's left-footer from the left side of the box in the 74th minute went wide despite a brilliant assist from Chhangte.

The result: Mumbai City 1 (Mehtab Singh 29) bt Hyderabad 0.

Super sub Jason Cummings does it for Mohun Bagan

Amitabha Das Sharma
KOLKATA

Jason Cummings came in as a super-sub to find the target late in the 86th minute and helped Mohun Bagan Super Giant prevail over Chennaiyin FC in an ISL 11 fixture at the Salt Lake Stadium here on Saturday.

The win helped Bagan regain top spot with 20 points from nine matches. It edged past Bengaluru FC, also on 20 from nine, with a better goal average.

The opening half lacked intensity as the opponents chose to contain their aggression. Chennaiyin chose to play a little withdrawn, but even Mohun Bagan failed to make much by way of attacks.

The home side woke up late and tried some offensives, the best of which came in the 38th minute when Liston Colaco curled his attempt towards the top corner but Chennaiyin goalkeeper Mohammad Nawaz dived full stretch to push the ball behind for a corner.

Immediate impact: Cummings celebrates after scoring Bagan's winner against Chennaiyin. DEBASISH BHADURI

This could well have been the chance that could have tipped the scale in favour of the host but for the agility of the Chennaiyin goalkeeper, who continued to keep Bagan's attacks at bay till late in the second half.

Bagan pressed for the lead in the final quarter of the action as coach Jose Molina inducted fresh legs to break the deadlock.

Cummings, who came in the 75th minute, provided the incisiveness in the host's offensives, which increased with the arrival of its play-maker Greg Stewart in the 85th minute. Barely a minute after his induction Stewart released Cummings with a nice pass and the latter made no mistake with an angular shot that found its way into the net.

The result: Mohun Bagan SG 1 (Cummings 86) bt Chennaiyin FC 0.

Our immediate target is FIH Pro League matches, says India skipper Harmanpreet

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

India men's hockey team captain Harmanpreet Singh has two Olympic bronze medals in his cabinet, but rues missing out on World Cup glory, an anomaly that he wants to set right in the next edition of the mega event in 2026.

"The goal will always be to bag Olympic gold and a World Cup medal. The way we performed in Paris shows that we can compete with top teams and win," Harmanpreet said.

"Our immediate target is next FIH Pro League matches and then win the Asia Cup and qualify directly for the World Cup. A World Cup medal hasn't come for a long time and I want to fulfil that in my career," he said.

KARNATAKA ROUND-UP

Innings victory for Karnataka

MYSURU: Siddharth Akhil (5/27) helped Karnataka bowl out Odisha for 107 in 54 overs in its second innings and register an innings and 54-run victory on the penultimate day of the BCCI (u-19) Cooch Behar Trophy match on Saturday.

The scores: Karnataka 308 in 95.5 overs bt Odisha 147 & 107 in 54 overs (Prayan Pratik Samal 26, Siddharth Akhil 5/27). **Points:** Karnataka (6, 1 bounus, 7); Odisha (0).

Akaash, Sumathi win

BENGALURU: Akaash Ashok Kumar won the men's title in the ARC 33rd National tenpin bowling championship at the Amoeba Bowling Centre on Saturday. Playing his seventh straight final, Karnataka's Akaash scored a lopsided 425-353 win over southpaw Shaik Abdul Hameed.

Champions: Akaash, left, and Sumathi, right. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

In the women's final, experienced Sumathi Nallabantu of Andhra Pradesh defeated first-time finalist J. Preemal on the adjacent lane. Sumathi recorded a 342-286 victory over Preemal.

Special awards: Most promising player: Dhanush Reddy (Kar); **Maximum number of scores above 225: Men:** Shaik Abdul Hameed (Del, 11); **Maximum number of scored above 200: Women:** Shabeena Kasmani (Maharashtra, 4).
Highest block of 6 games: Men: Hameed (1359 pins); **Women:** Anuradha Sarda (Del, 1081 pins). **Perfect game:** Hameed (Del).

Rajasthan boys record easy victory

BASKETBALL

Sports Bureau
KOLKATA

Defending champion Rajasthan boys bet Madhya Pradesh 79-31 in Group-A of the 39th National youth basketball on Saturday.

Important results: Level 1: Boys: Group A: Tamil Nadu 68 (Yadesh Kumar 35, V. Vishal 14) bt Kerala 51 (Millen Jose Mathew 21, Arshal Mohammed 10); Rajasthan 79 (Piyush Choudhary 20, Mohammed Raza Khan 15, Bhupinder Singh Rathore 14, Zuber Khan 14) bt Madhya Pradesh 31(Krishna Suneria 15); Telangana 70 (Reyhan Ellore 16, Saharsh Maheswar 14, Dhruv Boppana 11) bt Kerala 59 (Naijal Jacob 20, Abhishek R. Pradeep 13, Millen Jose Mathew 11).

Group B: Uttar Pradesh 66 (Abhyupang Mishra 17, Ayush Kumar 12, Sumit Kumar Singh 11, Sanjay Mahakunda 10) bt Chandigarh 63 (Sachin 23, Yash 17); Haryana 90 (Ajay 27, Chirag 25, Mayank Khanchi 19) bt Punjab 83 (Joypreet Singh 25, Fatehjeet Singh 23, Ajitinder Singh 13, Jagmeet Singh 11).

Girls: Group A: Tamil Nadu 87 (M. Joshna 13, Sumitra Devi 13, Angelina Arun George 13, P. Bhavani 12, A. Jefrin 12) bt Uttar Pradesh 58 (Mahie Tripathi 20); Madhya Pradesh 63 (Ayushi Yadav 17, Laxita Chouhan 14, Bhoomi Prakash 14) bt Uttar Pradesh 62 (Anshika Sharma 17, Soni Yadav 14, Mahie Tripathi 11).

Group B: Karnataka 72 (P.P. Deepika 17, K. Shreya 14) bt Kerala 57 (K. Arthika 20, Diya Biju 13); Kerala 61 (Diya Biju 13, K. Arthika 13, T. Vaigha 10) bt Gujarat 30 (Dinal Vith Thani 11).

Level 2: Boys: Group C: Delhi bt Goa 74-8, Puducherry bt Mizoram 67-51, Bihar bt Goa 61-47; **Group D:** Odisha bt Uttarakhand 66-57, Chhattisgarh bt Manipur 62-30; **Group E:** West Bengal bt Andaman and Nicobar 77-18, Maharashtra bt Assam 75-38, Maharashtra bt Himachal Pradesh 96-51; **Group F:** Jharkhand bt Andhra Pradesh 72-45, Jammu and Kashmir bt Arunachal Pradesh 49-20.

Girls: Group C: Uttarakhand bt West Bengal 42-29, Chhattisgarh bt Chandigarh 61-39, Telangana bt Uttarakhand 54-25; **Group D:** Delhi bt Goa 56-16; **Group F:** Jammu and Kashmir bt Arunachal Pradesh 36-10.